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By January 1, 1995, the department shall report to the legislature on the findings of the program.

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## CHAPTER 196

## [Senate Bill No. 5592] HIGHWAYS—LIABILITY OF STATE FOR DAMAGES TO FACILITIES LOCATED ON—LIMITATIONS

AN ACT Relating to damages to facilities located on state highways; and adding a new section to chapter 47.44 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 47.44 RCW to read as follows:

In any action for damages against the state of Washington, its agents, contractors, or employees by reason of damages to a utility or other facility located on a state highway, the damages are limited to the cost of repair of the utility or facility and are recoverable only in those instances where the utility or facility is authorized to be located on the state highway. However, the state is subject to the penalties provided in RCW 19.122.070 (1) and (2) only if the state has failed to give a notice meeting the requirements of RCW 19.122.030 to utilities or facilities that are authorized to be located on the state highway.

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## CHAPTER 197

[House Bill No. 1231] WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT—FURS AND SKINS—DISPOSAL

AN ACT Relating to wildlife management; and amending RCW 77.12.240.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 77.12.240, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 as last amended by section 33, chapter 506, Laws of 1987 and RCW 77.12.240 are each amended to read as follows:

The director may authorize the removal or killing of wildlife that is destroying or injuring property, or when it is necessary for wildlife management or research.