

**RCW 77.12.705 Southern resident orcas population threshold—
Report to the legislature.** If the population of southern resident orcas reaches a threshold of 70 individuals or fewer, the department must provide a report to the legislature within one year of the threshold being met, consistent with RCW 43.01.036, that includes a study of how mandatory 1,000-yard setbacks for all vessels has been enforced and identifies gaps and solutions to support any improvements, the use of data science with respect to southern resident orca pod health, and evidence-based plans to address southern resident orca pod health. [2023 c 452 s 5.]

Findings—Intent—2023 c 452: See note following RCW 77.15.740.