Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Government Operations & Elections Committee

HB 2119

Brief Description: Designating Palouse falls as the state waterfall.

Sponsors: Representatives Schmick, Fagan, Haler and Moscoso.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Designates Palouse Falls as the official state waterfall.

Hearing Date: 1/29/14

Staff: Amanda Ondrick (786-7296) and Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Located in Franklin County, the Palouse Falls consists of an upper falls, with a drop of about 20 feet, and a lower falls, with a drop of about 180 feet. The canyon at the falls is 377 feet deep. The falls and canyon were created by the Missoula Floods that swept across Eastern Washington during the Pleistocene epoch

Summary of Bill:

Palouse Falls is designated as the official waterfall of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

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