
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5410

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By Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators C. Anderson, Rasmussen, Gaspard, Newhouse, Snyder, Bauer, Kohl, Pelz, Fraser, Sellar, Wood and Roach)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington park arboretum; adding a new
2 section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the arboreta in
5 this state act as living museums devoted to the display and
6 conservation of woody plant species from around the world that can grow
7 in the Pacific Northwest. Arboreta enhance public appreciation for the
8 aesthetic diversity of temperate woody plants; conserve both natural
9 and cultivated woody plant taxa to preserve their diversity for future
10 appreciation; educate the public and students concerning urban
11 landscape use and the natural biology of temperate woody plants; and
12 cooperate with similar institutions in this region and around the world
13 in achieving these common goals. The legislature further finds that
14 arboreta are of increasing importance as world biodiversity declines.

15 The Washington park arboretum is a two-hundred acre living museum
16 that is managed cooperatively by the city of Seattle and the University
17 of Washington. It is devoted to the display and conservation of
18 collections of plants from around the world which can grow in the
19 Pacific Northwest. These plants are used for education, research,

1 conservation, and a sense of public pleasure. The Washington park
2 arboretum, the oldest center for botanical and gardening learning in
3 the Pacific Northwest, is recognized as one of the two foremost
4 collections of woody plants in the United States of America and enjoys
5 an excellent international reputation. The legislature finds that it
6 is fitting and appropriate to recognize the importance of the overall
7 mission of the Washington park arboretum.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The Washington park arboretum is hereby designated as an official
11 arboretum of the state of Washington.

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