

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6114

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6114** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

State of Washington 55th Legislature 1998 Regular Session

By Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Oke, Spanel, Kline, Snyder and Haugen)

Read first time 02/02/98.

1 AN ACT Relating to prevention and control of nonindigenous aquatic
2 species; adding new sections to chapter 75.24 RCW; creating new
3 sections; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The unauthorized introduction of the zebra
6 mussel and the European green crab into Washington state waters would
7 pose a serious economic and environmental threat. The zebra mussel and
8 European green crab have adverse impacts on fisheries, waterways,
9 public and private facilities, and the functioning of natural
10 ecosystems. The threat of zebra mussels and European green crabs
11 requires a coordinated response. It is the intent of the legislature
12 to prevent adverse economic and environmental impacts caused by zebra
13 mussels and European green crabs in cooperation and coordination with
14 local governments, the public, other states, and federal agencies.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 To complement programs authorized by the federal aquatic nuisance
18 species task force, the department of fish and wildlife is directed to

1 develop draft rules for legislative consideration to prevent the
2 introduction and dispersal of zebra mussels and European green crabs
3 and to allow eradication of infestations that may occur. The
4 department is authorized to display and distribute material and
5 literature informing boaters and owners of airplanes that land on water
6 of the problem and to publicize and maintain a telephone number
7 available to the public to express concerns and report infestations.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 The department of fish and wildlife shall prepare, maintain, and
11 publish a list of all lakes, ponds, or other waters of the state and
12 other states infested with zebra mussels or European green crabs. The
13 department may participate in regional or national groups addressing
14 these species.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The state shall develop a plan for
16 controlling the introduction of zebra mussels and European green crabs.
17 A zebra mussel and European green crab task force is created. The
18 task force is chaired by the department of fish and wildlife.

19 The task force shall:

20 (1) Develop recommendations for legislative consideration
21 including: (a) Control methods; (b) inspection procedures; (c)
22 penalties; (d) notification procedures; and (e) eradication and control
23 techniques.

24 (2) For each threat, identify the primary pathways of introduction,
25 options for regulating each pathway, and if possible a recommended
26 method of pathway control. These methods of control shall include
27 details on what entity would be responsible for its implementation.

28 (3) For each recommended mechanism of pathway control, identify the
29 estimated costs of implementing a state program, including ideas of
30 funding sources.

31 (4) Provide recommendations for how to structure and fund a state
32 program that monitors the detection and spread of these species.

33 When making recommendations, the task force shall emphasize working
34 in a coordinated fashion with existing state, federal, and
35 international programs.

36 The task force shall invite participation from all groups affected
37 by the proposed pathway control measures, including representatives of

1 aquaculture, recreational boating, seaplane operators, maritime cargo
2 vessels, retail and wholesale aquariums, shellfish growers, marinas,
3 and small boat harbors.

4 The department of fish and wildlife shall also seek the
5 participation of the University of Washington, the department of
6 ecology, the department of agriculture, the department of
7 transportation, the department of natural resources, and the Washington
8 state patrol. Appropriate federal interests shall also be invited to
9 participate, including the United States coast guard, the United States
10 department of agriculture and the United States fish and wildlife
11 service.

12 The task force's final recommendations shall be provided to the
13 legislature by December 1, 1998.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this act expires January 1,
15 1999.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
19 immediately.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
21 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
22 June 30, 1998, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
23 void.

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