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HOUSE BILL 2797

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By Representatives Cairnes, Mitchell, Woods, Sehlin, Reardon, Schindler, Pearson, Simpson, Hunt, Fisher, Sommers, Tokuda, Ericksen, Barlean, Lantz, Rockefeller, McIntire, Morell, Campbell, Jarrett, Sullivan, Dunshee, Gombosky, Anderson, Jackley, Haigh, Lysen and Van Luven

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the orca whale as the state mammal;  
2 adding a new 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 many people visit  
5 Washington state to watch orca whales, the orca whale is a significant  
6 symbol for the Native American culture, there are pods of orca whales  
7 that migrate annually through Puget Sound, and the orca whale is easily  
8 recognizable because of its distinct markings. The legislature intends  
9 to promote orca whale awareness and to encourage protection of the  
10 natural marine habitat by designating the orca whale as the official  
11 mammal of the state of Washington.

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

14 The orca whale, *orcinus orca*, is hereby designated as the official  
15 mammal of the state of Washington.

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