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SENATE BILL 6918

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By Senators Rasmussen, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Morton, Shin, McCaslin,  
and Franklin

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Operations & Elections.

1 AN ACT Relating to designating the cougar the official state  
2 mammal; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new  
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds:

6 (1) The cougar is a beautiful and majestic animal that lives  
7 throughout Washington;

8 (2) Many schools in Washington use the cougar as their mascot;

9 (3) About two thousand five hundred cougars live in Washington;

10 (4) The cougar is the largest cat in Washington; and

11 (5) Cougars are important to humans because they control the pest  
12 populations, such as crickets and rodents, and overpopulated animals  
13 such as deer.

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

16 The cougar, *Felis concolor*, is hereby designated as the official

1 mammal of the state of Washington.

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