

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5265**

Chapter 45, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

VOLUNTEERISM IN STATE GOVERNMENT--STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the Senate March 12, 2019  
Yeas 48 Nays 0

KAREN KEISER

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 9, 2019  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 17, 2019 1:00 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5265** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

April 18, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Zeiger, Hunt, Bailey, and Hawkins)

READ FIRST TIME 02/22/19.

1       AN ACT Relating to encouraging the role of volunteerism within  
2 state government; creating new sections; and providing an expiration  
3 date.

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

5       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that volunteers play  
6 an important role in enriching our communities. This is true not only  
7 for society at large, but also within state government specifically.  
8 Volunteering not only produces positive results for the recipients of  
9 the efforts, but for the volunteers themselves, who are rewarded with  
10 new life experiences and a greater connection to their community.

11       The legislature further finds while many individuals from the  
12 baby boomer generation are leaving the workforce, many are still  
13 seeking way ways to contribute and make a difference in their  
14 communities, and volunteering provides one such pathway.

15       Therefore, the legislature intends that a thorough review be  
16 conducted that examines the existing role of volunteering within  
17 state government and considers ways to increase and expand volunteer  
18 opportunities.

19       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** (1) Serve Washington must conduct a study  
20 to review volunteer opportunities within state government. The study

1 must include the Washington state parks and recreation commission,  
2 the department of fish and wildlife, the Washington military  
3 department, the Washington state office of the insurance  
4 commissioner, state mental hospital programs, state developmental  
5 disability programs, state litter clean-up programs, and may include  
6 any other agency or program identified by serve Washington. The study  
7 must:

8 (a) Evaluate volunteer utilization, including any need for  
9 additional volunteers in existing programs;

10 (b) Provide the costs and benefits of volunteer programs;

11 (c) Identify any barriers to volunteerism;

12 (d) Provide recommendations for ways to remove barriers to  
13 volunteerism;

14 (e) Provide recommendations for how the state can support  
15 agencies in growing volunteer programs that will supplement rather  
16 than replace or reduce staff or services;

17 (f) Identify any additional programs that could accommodate  
18 volunteers in the future; and

19 (g) Recommend methods for strengthening connections between state  
20 agency volunteer programs and the state's volunteer infrastructure to  
21 support volunteer recruitment, volunteer engagement, and volunteer  
22 program training needs to improve program outcomes.

23 (2) By July 1, 2020, serve Washington must submit a report that  
24 presents information and findings from the review conducted under  
25 this section to the appropriate committees of the senate and house of  
26 representatives.

27 (3) This section expires July 1, 2020.

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