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President of the Senate

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Laurie Jinkins

**Speaker of the House of
Representatives**

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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 **SENATE BILL 5040** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senators Fortunato, Lovelett, and Wilson, J.

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1 AN ACT Relating to enhancing litter control along state highways;
2 amending RCW 70A.200.170 and 70A.200.190; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70A.200.170 and 2020 c 20 s 1078 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department is the coordinating and administrative agency
7 working with the departments of natural resources, revenue,
8 transportation, and corrections, and the parks and recreation
9 commission in developing a biennial budget request for funds for the
10 various agencies' litter collection programs.

11 (2) Funds may be used to meet the needs of efficient and
12 effective litter collection and illegal dumping programs identified
13 by the various agencies. The department shall develop criteria for
14 evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the waste reduction,
15 litter control, and recycling programs being administered by the
16 various agencies listed in RCW 70A.200.140, and shall distribute
17 funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of those
18 programs. In addition, the department shall approve funding requests
19 for efficient and effective waste reduction, litter control, and
20 recycling programs, provide funds, and monitor the results of all
21 agency programs.

1 (3) All agencies are responsible for reporting information on
2 their litter collection programs as requested by the department.

3 (4) The department shall contract with the department of
4 transportation to schedule litter prevention messaging and
5 coordination of litter emphasis patrols with the Washington state
6 patrol. Additionally, the department of transportation may coordinate
7 with the department to conduct litter pickup during scheduled
8 maintenance closures as situations allow.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70A.200.190 and 2020 c 20 s 1079 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1) The department shall provide funding to local units of
12 government to establish, conduct, and evaluate community restitution
13 and other programs for waste reduction, litter and illegal dump
14 cleanup, and recycling. Programs eligible for funding under this
15 section shall include, but not be limited to, programs established
16 pursuant to RCW 72.09.260.

17 (2) Funds may be offered for costs associated with community
18 waste reduction, litter cleanup and prevention, and recycling
19 activities. The funding program must be flexible, allowing local
20 governments to use funds broadly to meet their needs to reduce waste,
21 control litter and illegal dumping, and promote recycling. Local
22 governments are required to contribute resources or in-kind services.
23 The department shall evaluate funding requests from local government
24 according to the same criteria as those developed in RCW 70A.200.170,
25 provide funds according to the effectiveness and efficiency of local
26 government litter control programs, and monitor the results of all
27 local government programs under this section.

28 (3) Local governments may initiate and apply to the department
29 for reimbursement of litter clean-up activities on state highway
30 ramps located within the jurisdiction of the local government.

31 (4) Local governments shall report information as requested by
32 the department in funding agreements entered into by the department
33 and a local government.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act may be known and cited as the
35 welcome to Washington act.

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