
SENATE BILL 5004

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By Senators Rasmussen, Gaspard, Newhouse, Snyder, Sellar, Bauer, Winsley and C. Anderson

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1 AN ACT Relating to the collection, conservation, and appreciation
2 of diversified horticultural plant species; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 1.20 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The legislature finds that the arboreta in this state act as living
8 museums devoted to the display and conservation of woody plant species
9 from around the world that can grow in the Pacific Northwest. Arboreta
10 enhance public appreciation for the aesthetic diversity of temperate
11 woody plants, conserve both natural and cultivated woody plant taxa to
12 preserve their diversity for future appreciation, educate the public
13 and students concerning urban landscape use and the natural biology of
14 temperate woody plants, and cooperate with similar institutions in this
15 region and around the world in achieving these common goals.

16 Washington park arboretum is a two hundred-acre living museum that
17 is managed cooperatively by the city of Seattle and the University of
18 Washington. It is devoted to the display and conservation of
19 collections of plants from around the world which can grow in the

1 Pacific Northwest. These plants are used for education, research,
2 conservation, and a sense of public pleasure. The Washington park
3 arboretum, the oldest center for botanical and gardening learning in
4 the Pacific Northwest, is recognized as one of the two foremost
5 collections of woody plants in the United States of America and enjoys
6 an excellent international reputation. The legislature finds that it
7 is fitting and appropriate to recognize the importance of the overall
8 mission of Washington park arboretum and now declares that Washington
9 park arboretum is an official arboretum of the state of Washington.

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