

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1759

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Designating the orca as the state official marine mammal.

Sponsors: By Representatives Appleton, Bailey, Tom, Chase, Takko, McCoy, Skinner, Sells, Darneille, Schual-Berke, Hasegawa, Green, O'Brien, Strow, Eickmeyer, Morris, Moeller, Linville, Cody, Rodne, Morrell, Hudgins, Quall, Williams, Dunn, Campbell and Santos.

House Committee on State Government Operations & Accountability
Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections

Background:

The Legislature has designated various plants and animals to represent and celebrate the spirit and diverse qualities of Washington State. Familiar designations include the western hemlock evergreen tree as the state tree and the rhododendron as the state flower. The Legislature has also designated a state grass, fruit, bird, fossil, fish, insect, song, folk song, gem, tartan, and arboretum.

Summary:

The Legislature intends to promote orca awareness and encourage protection of the natural marine habitat by designating the orca whale, *Orcinus orca*, as the official marine mammal of Washington.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	90	7
Senate	46	1

Effective: July 24, 2005