

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1112**

63rd Legislature  
2013 Regular Session

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Yeas 97 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1112** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Short, Upthegrove, Springer, Pollet, Taylor,  
Zeiger, and Wilcox

Read first time 01/16/13. Referred to Committee on Agriculture &  
Natural Resources.

1            AN ACT Relating to standards for the use of science to support  
2 public policy; adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW; and creating  
3 a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    (1) The legislature finds that it is  
6 critically important that scientific information used to inform public  
7 policy be of the highest quality and integrity. Furthermore, the  
8 legislature recognizes that a public benefit is derived from greater  
9 transparency as to what scientific information, data, or records are  
10 being used to inform public policy or relied upon in agency decision  
11 making.

12            (2) Therefore, in order to help ensure that agencies routinely use  
13 scientifically credible information in conducting their policy-making  
14 functions, it is the intent of the legislature to have those sources of  
15 scientific information reviewed and relied upon by agencies be  
16 identified in a clear and transparent way.

17            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 34.05 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

1 (1) Before taking a significant agency action, the department of  
2 fish and wildlife must identify the sources of information reviewed and  
3 relied upon by the agency in the course of preparing to take  
4 significant agency action. Peer-reviewed literature, if applicable,  
5 must be identified, as well as any scientific literature or other  
6 sources of information used. The department of fish and wildlife shall  
7 make available on the agency's web site the index of records required  
8 under RCW 42.56.070(6) that are relied upon, or invoked, in support of  
9 a proposal for significant agency action.

10 (2)(a) For the purposes of this section, "significant agency  
11 action" means an act of the department of fish and wildlife that:

12 (i) Results in the development of a significant legislative rule as  
13 defined in RCW 34.05.328;

14 (ii) Results in the development of technical guidance, technical  
15 assessments, or technical documents that are used to directly support  
16 implementation of a state rule or state statute; or

17 (iii) Results in the development of fish and wildlife recovery  
18 plans.

19 (b) "Significant agency action" does not include rule making by the  
20 department of fish and wildlife associated with fishing and hunting  
21 rules.

22 (3) This section is not intended to affect agency action regarding  
23 individual permitting, compliance and enforcement decisions, or  
24 guidance provided by an agency to a local government on a case-by-case  
25 basis.

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