

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6551

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AGRICULTURAL GRAZING ON STATE-OWNED AND MANAGED LANDS--MANAGEMENT

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President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved March 25, 1996

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6551** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Loveland, Rasmussen, Snyder, Morton, Oke, Prince, A. Anderson, Hargrove, Hochstatter, Winsley and Sellar)

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1 AN ACT Relating to agricultural grazing on state-owned and managed
2 lands; adding a new section to chapter 79.01 RCW; and adding section 1,
3 chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess. (uncodified) to chapter 79.01 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 79.01 RCW
6 to be codified between RCW 79.01.295 and 79.01.296 to read as follows:

7 (1) It is the purpose of chapter . . . , Laws of 1996 (this act)
8 that all state agricultural lands, grazing lands, and grazeable
9 woodlands shall be managed in keeping with the statutory and
10 constitutional mandates under which each agency operates. Chapter
11 . . . , Laws of 1996 (this act) is consistent with section 1, chapter 4,
12 Laws of 1993 sp. sess.

13 (2) The ecosystem standards developed under chapter 4, Laws of 1993
14 sp. sess. for state-owned agricultural and grazing lands are defined as
15 desired ecological conditions. The standards are not intended to
16 prescribe practices. For this reason, land managers are encouraged to
17 use an adaptive management approach in selecting and implementing
18 practices that work towards meeting the standards based on the best
19 available science and evaluation tools.

1 (3) For as long as the chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess. ecosystem
2 standards remain in effect, they shall be applied through a
3 collaborative process that incorporates the following principles:

4 (a) The land manager and lessee or permittee shall look at the land
5 together and make every effort to reach agreement on management and
6 resource objectives for the land under consideration;

7 (b) They will then discuss management options and make every effort
8 to reach agreement on which of the available options will be used to
9 achieve the agreed-upon objectives;

10 (c) No land manager or owner ever gives up his or her management
11 prerogative;

12 (d) Efforts will be made to make land management plans economically
13 feasible for landowners, managers, and lessees and to make the land
14 management plan compatible with the lessee's entire operation;

15 (e) Coordinated resource management planning is encouraged where
16 either multiple ownerships, or management practices, or both, are
17 involved;

18 (f) The department of fish and wildlife shall consider multiple
19 use, including grazing, on lands owned or managed by the department of
20 fish and wildlife where it is compatible with the management objectives
21 of the land; and

22 (g) The department of natural resources shall allow multiple use on
23 lands owned or managed by the department of natural resources where
24 multiple use can be demonstrated to be compatible with RCW 79.68.010,
25 79.68.020, and 79.68.050.

26 (4) The ecosystem standards are to be achieved by applying
27 appropriate land management practices on riparian lands and on the
28 uplands in order to reach the desired ecological conditions.

29 (5) The legislature urges that state agencies that manage grazing
30 lands make planning and implementation of this act, using the
31 coordinated resource management and planning process, a high priority,
32 especially where either multiple ownerships, or multiple use resources
33 objectives, or both, are involved. In all cases, the choice of using
34 the coordinated resource management planning process will be a
35 voluntary decision by all concerned parties including agencies, private
36 landowners, lessees, permittees, and other interests.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1, chapter 4, Laws of 1993 sp. sess.
2 (uncodified) is added to chapter 79.01 RCW to be codified between RCW
3 79.01.295 and 79.01.296.

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