

2046-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Haigh, Lantz, Sump, Reardon, Dunn and Barlean)

Brief Description: Validating trusts created for the benefit of nonhuman animals.

HB 2046-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the purpose of this act is to recognize and validate certain trusts that are established for the benefit of animals. Under the common law such trusts were unenforceable at law.

Declares an intent that such trusts be recognized as valid, and that such trusts be enforceable in accordance with their terms.

VETO MESSAGE ON HB 2046-S

May 15, 2001

To the Honorable Speakers and Members,

The House of Representatives of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 10 and 14, Substitute House Bill No. 2046 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to validating trusts created for the benefit of nonhuman animals;"

Substitute House Bill No. 2046 will allow trusts created for the benefit of vertebrate animals to be legally recognized and enforceable. This change in the law will allow people to ensure that their pets will be cared for after their owner's death.

Sections 10 and 14 of the bill were intended to address contingencies that could be caused by the rule against perpetuities. However, those issues were resolved with Senate Bill No. 5054, which I signed on April 18, 2001.

For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 10 and 14 of Substitute House Bill No. 2046.

With the exception of sections 10 and 14, Substitute House Bill No. 2046 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Locke
Governor