
HOUSE BILL 2884

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By Representatives Dunshee, Sehlin, Campbell, Upthegrove and Morrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the orca whale as the state mammal;
2 adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many people visit
5 Washington state to watch orca whales, the orca whale is a significant
6 symbol for the Native American culture, there are pods of orca whales
7 that migrate annually through Puget Sound, and the orca whale is easily
8 recognizable because of its distinct markings. The legislature intends
9 to promote orca whale awareness and to encourage protection of the
10 natural marine habitat by designating the orca whale as the official
11 mammal of the state of Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The orca whale, *orcinus orca*, is hereby designated as the official
15 mammal of the state of Washington.

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