

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2384**

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Passed by the House March 4, 2006  
Yeas 95 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 2, 2006  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 30, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2384** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Committee on Natural Resources, Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Representatives Dickerson, Buck, Blake and B. Sullivan; by request of Department of Natural Resources)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/06.

1            AN ACT Relating to geological survey; amending RCW 43.92.010,  
2 43.92.020, 43.92.040, 43.92.060, 43.92.070, and 43.92.080; and adding  
3 new sections to chapter 43.92 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 43.92 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            It is the intent of the legislature that there be an effective  
8 state geological survey that can produce essential information that  
9 provides for the health, safety, and economic well-being of the  
10 citizens.

11           **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.92.010 and 1988 c 127 s 28 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13           There shall be a geological survey of the state (~~which~~) that  
14 shall be under the direction of the commissioner of public lands who  
15 shall have general charge of the survey, and shall appoint as  
16 supervisor of the survey a geologist of established reputation, to be  
17 known as the (~~supervisor of geology~~) state geologist.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.92.020 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.020 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       The geological survey shall have for its objects:

4       (1) An examination of the economic products of the state, (~~viz~~)  
5 including: (~~The~~) Gold, silver, copper, lead, and iron ores, as well  
6 as building stones, clays, coal, and all mineral substances of value;

7       (2) An examination and classification of (~~the~~) soils, and the  
8 study of their adaptability to particular crops;

9       (3) An investigation and report upon the water supplies, artesian  
10 wells, the water power of the state, gauging the streams, etc., with  
11 reference to their application for irrigation and other purposes;

12       (4) An examination and report upon the occurrence of different road  
13 building material;

14       (5) An examination of the physical features of the state with  
15 reference to their practical bearing upon the occupations of the  
16 people;

17       (6) The preparation of special geological and economic maps to  
18 illustrate the resources of the state;

19       (7) The preparation of special reports with necessary illustrations  
20 and maps, which shall embrace both the general and detailed description  
21 of the geology and natural resources of the state(~~);~~ and

22       (8) The consideration of (~~such other kindred~~) similar scientific  
23 and economic questions (~~as~~) that, in the judgment of the (~~director~~  
24 ~~shall be~~) state geologist, is deemed of value to the people of the  
25 state.

26       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.92 RCW  
27 to read as follows:

28       In addition to the objectives stated in RCW 43.92.020, the  
29 geological survey must conduct and maintain an assessment of seismic,  
30 landslide, and tsunami hazards in Washington. This assessment must  
31 include the identification and mapping of volcanic, seismic, landslide,  
32 and tsunami hazards, an estimation of potential consequences, and the  
33 likelihood of occurrence. The maintenance of this assessment must  
34 include technical assistance to state and local government agencies on  
35 the proper interpretation and application of the results of this  
36 assessment.

1       **Sec. 5.** RCW 43.92.040 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.040 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       ((The)) Regular and special reports of the geological survey, with  
4 proper illustrations and maps, shall be printed as ~~((the director may~~  
5 ~~direct, and the))~~ directed by the state geologist. All reports shall  
6 be distributed or sold by ~~((him))~~ the department of natural resources  
7 as the interests of the state and of science demand~~((; and))~~. All  
8 money obtained by the sale of reports under this section shall be paid  
9 into the state treasury.

10       **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.92.060 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.060 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12       The ~~((director))~~ state geologist may make provisions for  
13 topographic, geologic, and hydrographic surveys of the state in  
14 cooperation with the United States geological survey in such manner as  
15 in ~~((his))~~ the opinion of the state geologist will be of the greatest  
16 benefit to the agricultural, industrial, and geological requirements of  
17 the state~~((; PROVIDED, That))~~. However, the director of the United  
18 States geological survey ~~((agrees))~~ must first agree to expend on the  
19 part of the United States upon such surveys a sum equal to that  
20 expended by the state.

21       **Sec. 7.** RCW 43.92.070 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.070 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23       In order to complete the topographic map of the state and for the  
24 purpose of making more extensive stream measurements, and otherwise  
25 investigating and determining the water supply of the state, the  
26 ~~((director))~~ state geologist may enter into such agreements with the  
27 director of the United States geological survey as will ~~((insure))~~  
28 ensure that the surveys and investigations be carried on in the most  
29 economical manner, and that the maps and data be available for the use  
30 of the public as quickly as possible.

31       **Sec. 8.** RCW 43.92.080 and 1965 c 8 s 43.92.080 are each amended to  
32 read as follows:

33       In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, all persons  
34 employed ~~((hereunder))~~ by the department of natural resources to carry

1 out the duties of this chapter are authorized to enter and cross all  
2 land within the state (~~(doing thereby)~~) as long as no damage is done to  
3 private property.

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