

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1656

Chapter 345, Laws of 2007

(partial veto)

60th Legislature
2007 Regular Session

PUGET SOUND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACCOUNT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/22/07

Passed by the House April 17, 2007
Yeas 98 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2007
Yeas 45 Nays 1

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved May 7, 2007, 9:58 a.m., with
the exception of section 2 which is
vetoed.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1656
as passed by the House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

Chief Clerk

FILED

May 8, 2007

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1656

AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

Passed Legislature - 2007 Regular Session

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Appleton, Chase, Santos, Dickerson and Sells)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a Puget Sound scientific research
2 account; adding new sections to chapter 90.71 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Although research about conditions in Puget
6 Sound have been studied during the past several decades, the
7 legislature finds that there is no coordinated, focused, comprehensive
8 Puget Sound science program capable of setting research priorities for
9 Puget Sound science. The legislature finds that environmental problems
10 in Puget Sound are complex and that research is needed to provide
11 information that can guide protective and restorative actions, and to
12 explore and understand the impacts of a changing environment. The
13 legislature also finds that there is no predictable funding process for
14 Puget Sound research projects, including the aquatic rehabilitation
15 zone one. The legislature declares that the state needs a process to
16 focus the scientific effort on the Puget Sound ecosystem and to
17 distribute research funds.

1 ***NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The Puget Sound leadership council created pursuant to chapter . .
4 ., Laws of 2007 (House Bill No. 1374 or Senate Bill No. 5374) shall:

5 (1) Work with the science panel to identify gaps in scientific
6 research related to restoring Puget Sound, including the aquatic
7 rehabilitation zone one created in RCW 90.88.010;

8 (2) Develop a competitive process for soliciting research
9 addressing those gaps;

10 (3) Solicit and strategically prioritize research programs and
11 projects in accordance with recommendations from the science panel;

12 (4) Select and fund the highest priority research programs and
13 projects; and

14 (5) Develop and implement an appropriate peer review process to
15 review results from such programs and projects.

**Sec. 2 was vetoed. See message at end of chapter.*

16 **NEW SECTION.** **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The Puget Sound scientific research account is created in the state
19 treasury. All gifts, grants, federal moneys, or appropriations made to
20 the account must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account
21 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account
22 may be used only for research programs and projects selected pursuant
23 to section 2 of this act.

Passed by the House April 17, 2007.

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2007.

Approved by the Governor May 7, 2007, with the exception of
certain items that were vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State May 8, 2007.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning, without my approval as to Section 2, Second
Substitute House Bill 1656 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to establishing a Puget Sound scientific
research account."

This legislation creates a new Puget Sound research account, and
assigns tasks to the Puget Sound Leadership Council created in
Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5372 (Puget Sound Partnership
bill).

Section 2 of Second Substitute House Bill No. 1656 would assign to
the Puget Sound Leadership Council the responsibility for identifying
research gaps, and for competitive selection, prioritization, peer
review, and funding for science projects. However, several of these
responsibilities are assigned to the Puget Sound science panel
created in the Puget Sound Partnership bill.

The Puget Sound Partnership will be a new agency with many challenging tasks and issues related to Puget Sound restoration. Good science is fundamental to the Partnership's success. Inconsistent responsibility assignments for scientific research would complicate the agency's ability to establish and carry out a sound, efficient science program.

I can see the value to the Puget Sound restoration effort of having a separate account for expenditures related to scientific research. As a result, I direct the Puget Sound Partnership to work with the Legislature to develop a legislative proposal for consideration during the 2008 session that harmonizes the remaining provisions of Second Substitute House Bill 1656 with those contained in Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5372.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Section 2 of Second Substitute House Bill 1656.

With the exception of Section 2, Second Substitute House Bill 1656 is approved."