

HB 2514-S - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Encourages the state's law enforcement agencies to utilize existing statutes and regulations to protect southern resident orca whales from impacts from vessels.

Provides for certain unlawful acts when approaching, intercepting, or feeding a southern resident orca whale, and provides for certain exemptions from these acts.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the state parks and recreation commission to disseminate certain information to educate Washington's citizens on how to reduce the risk of disturbing southern resident orca whales.