

**SB 5015-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Requires the director to appoint a person with avian expertise as the Washington state ornithologist.

Declares that the state ornithologist serves primarily as a source of expertise to the department and other state agencies regarding bird research and conservation. He or she also serves to assist the public in bird conservation efforts, including bird feeding, bird nesting, and designing bird friendly yards. The state ornithologist will also assist the governor, state agencies, and the legislature in the design of bird conservation programs and policies, these conservation efforts shall be pursued as one part of the ecosystem-based management approach by the department and other wildlife management agencies and organizations.