

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5638

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Yeas 46 Nays 0

President of the Senate

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Yeas 96 Nays 1

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5638** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Environment, Energy & Technology (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Rivers, Becker, and Short)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recognizing the validity of distributed ledger
2 technology; and adding a new chapter to Title 19 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature intends to encourage the
5 development of distributed ledger technology. It further intends for
6 this chapter to comply with 15 U.S.C. Sec. 7002 and here makes
7 specific reference to chapter 96 of Title 15 of the United States
8 Code.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply
10 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires
11 otherwise.

12 (1) "Blockchain" means a cryptographically secured,
13 chronological, and decentralized consensus ledger or consensus
14 database maintained via internet, peer-to-peer network, or other
15 similar interaction.

16 (2) "Distributed ledger technology" means any distributed ledger
17 protocol and supporting infrastructure, including blockchain, that
18 uses a distributed, decentralized, shared, and replicated ledger.

1 (3) "Electronic record" means a record generated, communicated,
2 received, or stored by electronic means for use in an information
3 system or for transmission from one information system to another.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** An electronic record may not be denied
5 legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because it is
6 generated, communicated, received, or stored using distributed ledger
7 technology.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act
9 constitute a new chapter in Title 19 RCW.

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