

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5638**

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DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY

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Yeas 46 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 96 Nays 1

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 26, 2019 11:29 AM

JAY INSLEE

**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.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

April 29, 2019

**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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