CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1020**

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

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| Passed by the House April 17, 2023Yeas 87 Nays 9**Speaker of the House of Representatives**Passed by the Senate April 12, 2023Yeas 39 Nays 10**President of the Senate** | CERTIFICATEI, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1020** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.Chief Clerk |
| Approved  |  |
| **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State** **State of Washington** |

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**State of Washington 68th Legislature 2023 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Morgan, Callan, Ryu, Simmons, Reed, Gregerson, Thai, and Ormsby

AN ACT Relating to the state dinosaur; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  The legislature finds that the Suciasaurus rex, the first and, as of the effective date of this section, only dinosaur discovered in Washington state, should be designated as the state dinosaur. In May 2012, paleontologists discovered a portion of a left femur of a theropod dinosaur at Sucia Island state park in the San Juan Islands. Theropods are bipedal carnivorous dinosaurs that include Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor. While scientists are unsure exactly what type of theropod the fossil belongs to, evidence suggests it may be a species similar to Daspletosaurus. The dinosaur has been nicknamed Suciasaurus rex.

Dinosaurs are not usually found in Washington because of its proximity to an active tectonic plate boundary and the high degree of human development. Some scientists believe the Suciasaurus rex lived somewhere between Baja California, Mexico, and northern California, and its fossil traveled to Washington along with a portion of the western edge of North America that was displaced to British Columbia in the Late Cretaceous period, but the fossil's exact location of origin remains controversial.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW to read as follows:

The Suciasaurus rex is hereby designated as the official dinosaur of the state of Washington.

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