CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5306**

68th Legislature

2023 Regular Session

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| Passed by the Senate February 8, 2024  Yeas 47 Nays 0  **President of the Senate**  Passed by the House February 28, 2024  Yeas 93 Nays 1  **Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATE  I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5306** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.  Secretary |
| Approved |  |
| **Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State**  **State of Washington** |

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**By** Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Short, Van De Wege, Nobles, and Stanford; by request of Department of Fish and Wildlife)

AN ACT Relating to authorizing the department of fish and wildlife to establish disease interdiction and control check stations; and adding a new chapter to Title 77 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  There are infectious diseases and infestations that can damage, threaten, and endanger fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed resources. The department is authorized to take reasonable, preventative measures to protect Washington's fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed species from infectious diseases and infestations.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  (1) The department is authorized to establish disease interdiction and control check stations.

(2) The check stations may be signed from roadsides, including state highways and interstates.

(3) Signage must indicate which diseases or infestations are being investigated, and what fish, wildlife, shellfish, and seaweed are being checked.

(4) The signage must be placed in coordination with the department of transportation.

(5) The check stations must be operated in a safe manner.

(6) A person who encounters a disease interdiction and control check station while transporting fish, wildlife, shellfish, or seaweed in their possession is requested to stop at the check station and allow the fish, wildlife, shellfish, or seaweed in their possession to be inspected and sampled for the diseases or infestations.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  This chapter does not apply to aquaculture, aquatic farmers, or private sector cultured aquatic products as those terms are defined in RCW 15.85.020.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 77 RCW.

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