

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 1020**

Chapter 330, Laws of 2023

68th Legislature  
2023 Regular Session

STATE DINOSAUR

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2023

Passed by the House April 17, 2023  
Yeas 87 Nays 9

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 12, 2023  
Yeas 39 Nays 10

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved May 4, 2023 5:10 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, 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.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

May 5, 2023

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

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

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the Sucasaurus  
5 rex, the first and, as of the effective date of this section, only  
6 dinosaur discovered in Washington state, should be designated as the  
7 state dinosaur. In May 2012, paleontologists discovered a portion of  
8 a left femur of a theropod dinosaur at Sucas Island state park in the  
9 San Juan Islands. Theropods are bipedal carnivorous dinosaurs that  
10 include Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor. While scientists are unsure  
11 exactly what type of theropod the fossil belongs to, evidence  
12 suggests it may be a species similar to Daspletosaurus. The dinosaur  
13 has been nicknamed Sucasaurus rex.

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

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
2    to read as follows:  
3        The Sucasaurus rex is hereby designated as the official dinosaur  
4    of the state of Washington.

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