

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**HOUSE BILL 2003**

69th Legislature  
2025 Regular Session

Passed by the House April 26, 2025  
Yeas 53 Nays 45

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**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

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Yeas 25 Nays 23

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**President of the Senate**

Approved

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**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 2003** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** Representatives Reeves, Fitzgibbon, and Pollet

Read first time 02/20/25. Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1            AN ACT Relating to the Columbia river recreational salmon and  
2 steelhead endorsement program; adding new sections to chapter 77.12  
3 RCW; providing an effective date; and providing expiration dates.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 77.12  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) The Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead  
8 endorsement program account is created in the custody of the state  
9 treasurer. All receipts from Columbia river salmon and steelhead  
10 endorsement purchases under section 2 of this act and gifts made for  
11 purposes of the Columbia river recreational salmon and steelhead  
12 endorsement program must be deposited into the account. Expenditures  
13 from the account may be used only to facilitate recreational salmon  
14 and steelhead selective fishing opportunities on the Columbia river  
15 and its tributaries including, but not limited to, monitoring,  
16 hatchery production, pinniped removal, and enforcement. Only the  
17 director or the director's designee may authorize expenditures from  
18 the account. The account is subject to allotment procedures under  
19 chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not required for  
20 expenditures.

21            (2) This section expires January 1, 2028.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 77.12  
2 RCW to read as follows:

3        (1) In addition to a recreational license required under this  
4 chapter, a Columbia river salmon and steelhead endorsement is  
5 required in order for any person 15 years of age or older to fish  
6 recreationally for salmon or steelhead in the Columbia river and its  
7 tributaries where these fisheries have been authorized by the  
8 department. The cost for each endorsement is \$7.50 for residents and  
9 nonresidents and \$6 for youth and seniors. The department shall  
10 deposit all receipts from endorsement purchases into the Columbia  
11 river recreational salmon and steelhead endorsement program account  
12 created in section 1 of this act.

13        (2) For the purposes of this section and section 1 of this act,  
14 the term "Columbia river" means the Columbia river from a line across  
15 the Columbia river between Rocky Point in Washington and Tongue Point  
16 in Oregon to the Chief Joseph dam.

17        (3) This section expires January 1, 2028.

18        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 77.12  
19 RCW to read as follows:

20        (1) By December 1, 2026, the department and the relevant  
21 stakeholders shall review the Columbia river salmon and steelhead  
22 endorsement program, prepare a brief summary of the activities  
23 conducted under the program, and provide this summary and a  
24 recommendation whether the program should be continued to the  
25 appropriate committees of the legislature.

26        (2) This section expires January 1, 2028.

27        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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