

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1606**

Chapter 64, Laws of 2025

69th Legislature  
2025 Regular Session

STATE EMPLOYEE ACCESS TO PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 27, 2025

Passed by the House March 3, 2025  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate April 7, 2025  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 16, 2025 10:45 AM

BOB FERGUSON

**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 **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1606** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 16, 2025

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Engell, Bernbaum, Orcutt, Corry, Reeves, Waters, Ramel, Parshley, Reed, Ormsby, and Nance)

READ FIRST TIME 02/14/25.

1       AN ACT Relating to state employee access to peer-reviewed  
2 journals; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

4       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that state agencies  
5 often do not have comprehensive electronic access to many peer-  
6 reviewed journals. As a result, state employees often must purchase  
7 specific manuscripts, outsource searches to other entities, or  
8 physically visit a university library in order to access many peer-  
9 reviewed journals. Locating a specific manuscript can take hours of  
10 staff time and is neither an efficient nor a cost-effective use of  
11 state resources. Other states have created statewide collectives for  
12 providing access to peer-reviewed journals, resulting in both  
13 increased access to peer-reviewed journals as well as significant  
14 cost savings. In light of the benefits that other states have  
15 experienced in connection with statewide subscriptions to peer-  
16 reviewed journals, the legislature seeks to learn whether such a  
17 subscription model would be beneficial in Washington.

18       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state institute for  
19 public policy is directed to conduct a study that addresses, at a  
20 minimum, potential funding, organizational structure, and policy

1 mechanisms that would provide state employees with electronic access  
2 to peer-reviewed journals. For the purposes of this study, "peer-  
3 reviewed journal" means any academic, scholarly, or scientific peer-  
4 reviewed journal.

5 (2) The study must be completed by June 30, 2026, and submitted  
6 in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 to the standing committees of the  
7 house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over  
8 environmental or natural resource issues.

9 (3) This section expires June 30, 2027.

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