

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5839**

53rd Legislature  
1993 Regular Session

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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5839** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Government Operations (originally sponsored by  
Senators Cantu, Drew, Haugen and Winsley)

Read first time 03/03/93.

1            AN ACT Relating to mail functions of state government; adding new  
2 sections to chapter 43.19 RCW; creating new sections; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    It is the intent of the legislature to  
6 consolidate mail functions for state government in a manner that will  
7 provide timely, effective, efficient, and less-costly mail service for  
8 state government.

9            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
12 this section apply throughout this section and section 3 of this act.

13            (1) "Consolidated mail service" means incoming, outgoing, and  
14 internal mail processing.

15            (2) "Department" means the department of general administration.

16            (3) "Director" means the director of the department of general  
17 administration.

18            (4) "Agency" means:

1 (a) The office of the governor; and  
2 (b) Any office, department, board, commission, or other separate  
3 unit or division, however designated, of the state government, together  
4 with all personnel thereof: Upon which the statutes confer powers and  
5 impose duties in connection with operations of either a governmental or  
6 proprietary nature; and that has as its chief executive officer a  
7 person or combination of persons such as a commission, board, or  
8 council, by law empowered to operate it, responsible either to: (i) No  
9 other public officer or (ii) the governor.

10 (5) "Incoming mail" means mail, packages, or similar items received  
11 by an agency, through the United States postal service, private carrier  
12 services, or other courier services.

13 (6) "Outgoing mail" means mail, packages, or similar items  
14 processed for agencies to be sent through the United States postal  
15 service, private carrier services, or other courier services.

16 (7) "Internal mail" means interagency mail, packages, or similar  
17 items that are delivered or to be delivered to a state agency, the  
18 legislature, the supreme court, or the court of appeals, and their  
19 officers and employees.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 The director shall establish a consolidated mail service to handle  
23 all incoming, outgoing, and internal mail in the 98504 zip code area or  
24 successor zip code areas for agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and  
25 Lacey area. The director may include additional geographic areas  
26 within the consolidated mail service, based upon his or her  
27 determination. The department shall also provide mail services to  
28 legislative and judicial agencies in the Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey  
29 area upon request.

30 The director may bill state agencies and other entities  
31 periodically for mail services rendered.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** All employees of any state agency who are  
33 employed exclusively or principally in performing the powers, duties,  
34 or functions assigned to the department pursuant to section 3 of this  
35 act, may be transferred to the department of general administration.  
36 The office of financial management shall determine the number of  
37 employees to be transferred for efficient operation of the mail

1 service. Upon such transfer to the department of general  
2 administration, such employees shall continue to be governed by the  
3 provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW, the state civil service law, and shall  
4 retain their permanent or probationary status together with all rights,  
5 privileges, and immunities attaching thereto.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The department, in cooperation with the  
7 office of financial management, shall review current and prospective  
8 needs of state agencies for any equipment to process mail throughout  
9 state government. If after such consultation, the department should  
10 find that the economy, efficiency, or effectiveness of state government  
11 would be improved by such a transfer or other disposition, then the  
12 property shall be transferred or otherwise disposed.

13 After making such finding, the department shall direct the  
14 transfer of existing state property, facilities, and equipment  
15 pertaining to the consolidated mail service or United States postal  
16 service. Any dispute concerning the benefits in state governmental  
17 economy, efficiency, and effectiveness shall be resolved by the office  
18 of financial management.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
22 effect July 1, 1993.

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