

1 **SHB 1320 - H AMD 035 FAILED 2-17-97**

2 By Representative Van Luven

3 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the small, rounded, brightly colored  
5 beetle of the family Coccinellidae, commonly known as the lady bug, can be found throughout  
6 Washington and is easily recognizable by its reddish color and black spots. The legislature  
7 further recognizes that the lady bug is a beneficial contributor to our ecosystem, feeding  
8 primarily on insect pests, such as scale insects and aphids. The legislature further determines  
9 that, indubitably, it is time for oppressed lady bug lovers to be recognized for their long  
10 standing perseverance in the quest to gain recognition for the frequently maligned lady bug.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13 The brightly colored beetle of the family Coccinellidae,  
14 commonly known as the lady bug, is hereby designated as the  
15 official insect of the state of Washington.

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