

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1088

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Designating Mammuthus primigenius as the official fossil of the state of Washington.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheahan and Schoesler).

House Committee on Government Administration
Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: Washington has designated several official ceremonial symbols over the years. These include: the state fish, steelhead trout; the state gem, petrified wood; and the state folk song, "Roll On Columbia, Roll On." Washington does not have an official state fossil. Other states have designated state fossils, including the saber-toothed cat in California and the Hagerman Horse Fossil in Idaho.

Summary: The Columbian mammoth (Mammuthus COLUMBI) is designated as the official fossil of the state of Washington.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 89 0

Senate 34 0

Effective: June 11, 1998