

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 1320

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Designating Anax Drury as the official insect of the state of Washington.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Government Administration (originally sponsored by Representatives L. Thomas, Cooke, Cairnes, D. Schmidt, Keiser, Robertson, Blalock, Ogden, Constantine, Veloria, Dunn and Anderson).

House Committee on Government Administration
Senate Committee on Government Operations

Background: The Legislature has designated an official state tree, flower, grass, bird, fish, fruit, gem, dance, song, folk song, flag, seal, tartan, and arboretum. There is no official state insect. Many other states have designated an official state insect.

Dragonflies are considered to be beneficial insects because of the large number of insect pests that they consume.

Summary: The common green darner dragonfly is designated as the official state insect of the state of Washington.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 1
Senate 44 2

Effective: July 27, 1997