

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6294

56th Legislature
2000 Regular Session

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YEAS 46 NAYS 0

President of the Senate

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**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

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Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6294** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation
(originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, Haugen and Oke)

Read first time 01/27/00.

1 AN ACT Relating to aquatic nuisance species; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 75.24 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 75.24 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The aquatic nuisance species committee is created for the
7 purpose of fostering state, federal, tribal, and private cooperation on
8 aquatic nuisance species issues. The mission of the committee is to
9 minimize the unauthorized or accidental introduction of nonnative
10 aquatic species and give special emphasis to preventing the
11 introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species. The term "aquatic
12 nuisance species" means a nonnative aquatic plant or animal species
13 that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species, the
14 ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural,
15 or recreational activities dependent on such waters.

16 (2) The committee consists of representatives from each of the
17 following state agencies: Department of fish and wildlife, department
18 of ecology, department of agriculture, department of health, department
19 of natural resources, Puget Sound water quality action team, state

1 patrol, state noxious weed control board, and Washington sea grant
2 program. The committee shall encourage and solicit participation by:
3 Federally recognized tribes of Washington, federal agencies, Washington
4 conservation organizations, environmental groups, and representatives
5 from industries that may either be affected by the introduction of an
6 aquatic nuisance species or that may serve as a pathway for their
7 introduction.

8 (3) The committee has the following duties:

9 (a) Periodically revise the state of Washington aquatic nuisance
10 species management plan, originally published in June 1998;

11 (b) Make recommendations to the legislature on statutory provisions
12 for classifying and regulating aquatic nuisance species;

13 (c) Recommend to the state noxious weed control board that a plant
14 be classified under the process designated by RCW 17.10.080 as an
15 aquatic noxious weed;

16 (d) Coordinate education, research, regulatory authorities,
17 monitoring and control programs, and participate in regional and
18 national efforts regarding aquatic nuisance species;

19 (e) Consult with representatives from industries and other
20 activities that may serve as a pathway for the introduction of aquatic
21 nuisance species to develop practical strategies that will minimize the
22 risk of new introductions; and

23 (f) Prepare a biennial report to the legislature with the first
24 report due by December 1, 2001, making recommendations for better
25 accomplishing the purposes of this chapter, and listing the
26 accomplishments of this chapter to date.

27 (4) The committee shall accomplish its duties through the authority
28 and cooperation of its member agencies. Implementation of all plans
29 and programs developed by the committee shall be through the member
30 agencies and other cooperating organizations.

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