SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 5379

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As of January 25, 2001

Title: An act relating to the official animal of the state of Washington.

Brief Description: Designating the cougar as the official animal of the state.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Patterson, Hale, Hewitt, Parlette, Swecker, Winsley, Finkbeiner and Rasmussen.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: State & Local Government: 1/29/01.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Staff: Eugene Green (786-7405)

Background: The State of Washington has an official bird (Willow Goldfinch); fish (Steelhead Trout); and insect (Common Green Darner Dragonfly). The state has no official animal.

Summary of Bill: The cougar, Puma Concolor, is designated as the state's official animal.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.