
State Government Committee

HB 2884

Brief Description: Establishing the orca whale as the state mammal.

Sponsors: Representatives Dunshee, Sehlin, Campbell, Upthegrove and Morrell.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designates the orca whale as the state mammal.
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Hearing Date: 2/6/04

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

The Legislature has designated various plants and animals to represent and celebrate the spirit and diverse qualities of Washington State. Familiar designations include the evergreen tree as the state tree and the rhododendron as the state flower. The Legislature has also designated a state grass, fruit, bird, fossil, fish, insect, song, folk song, dance, gem, tartan, and arboretum.

Summary of Bill:

The orca whale, *orcinus orca*, is designated as the official mammal of the state of Washington.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.