

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SENATE BILL 5011 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 Senators Jacobsen, Winsley and Kohl-Welles

Read first time 01/13/2003. Referred to Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife.

1 AN ACT Relating to promoting wildlife viewing; adding a new section
2 to chapter 77.12 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 77.12 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 The department shall manage wildlife programs in a manner that
7 provides for public opportunities to view wildlife and supports
8 wildlife viewing tourism without impairing the state's wildlife
9 resources.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The departments of fish and wildlife and
11 community, trade, and economic development shall host a working
12 conference on promoting wildlife viewing tourism. The objective of the
13 conference shall be to adopt a strategic plan and specific implementing
14 actions to promote wildlife viewing tourism in Washington in a manner
15 that both provides sustainable economic development in the state's
16 rural areas and supports maintaining the state's wildlife diversity.

17 (2) The departments shall work with interested local governments,
18 state agencies, visitor and convention bureaus, the hospitality

1 industry, tourism development organizations, and tour operators and
2 wildlife conservation organizations in preparing for and conducting the
3 conference. The departments shall guide preparation for the conference
4 by surveying programs and activities in other states and compiling
5 information on current programs, infrastructure, and promotional
6 activities regarding wildlife viewing tourism in Washington. To
7 enhance the effectiveness of the conference and its products, the
8 departments shall seek to frame issues and outline options for
9 improvement through white papers and preliminary meetings with interest
10 groups.

11 (3) Among the topics that the departments and interest groups
12 should address at the conference are:

13 (a) Strategies to increase revenues and benefits to Washington
14 communities with wildlife viewing resources that have identified
15 tourism as part of their economic development strategy;

16 (b) Strengthening the wildlife viewing tourism elements of gateway
17 community partnerships among state and local transportation, economic
18 development, and parks and wildlife agencies;

19 (c) Providing leadership and services by state agencies to assist
20 local communities to assess their local wildlife viewing resources and
21 to market tourism centered upon such resources;

22 (d) Developing proposals to increase state funding to local
23 communities to implement local wildlife viewing tourism plans,
24 including assessing resources, providing infrastructure specific to
25 wildlife viewing tourism, festival development, and marketing; and

26 (e) Promoting wildlife viewing tourism as an element of tourism
27 related to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial commemoration.

28 (4) The departments shall schedule the conference at a time
29 sufficient to prepare a summary of the conference proceedings and
30 proposals for legislative funding to be submitted to the appropriate
31 committees of the legislature no later than December 15, 2003.

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