
HOUSE BILL 1759

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1 AN ACT Relating to designating the orca as the state marine mammal;
2 adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that many people visit
5 Washington state to watch orcas, the orca is a significant symbol for
6 the Native American culture, there are pods of orcas that migrate
7 annually through Puget Sound, and the orca is easily recognizable
8 because of its distinct markings. The legislature intends to promote
9 orca awareness and to encourage protection of the natural marine
10 habitat by designating the orca as the official marine mammal of the
11 state of Washington.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 The orca, *Orcinus orca*, is hereby designated as the official marine
15 mammal of the state of Washington.

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