

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1656

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Yeas 98 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 45 Nays 1

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1656** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Rolfes, Upthegrove, B. Sullivan, Appleton, Chase, Santos, Dickerson and Sells)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a Puget Sound scientific research
2 account; adding new sections to chapter 90.71 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Although research about conditions in Puget
6 Sound have been studied during the past several decades, the
7 legislature finds that there is no coordinated, focused, comprehensive
8 Puget Sound science program capable of setting research priorities for
9 Puget Sound science. The legislature finds that environmental problems
10 in Puget Sound are complex and that research is needed to provide
11 information that can guide protective and restorative actions, and to
12 explore and understand the impacts of a changing environment. The
13 legislature also finds that there is no predictable funding process for
14 Puget Sound research projects, including the aquatic rehabilitation
15 zone one. The legislature declares that the state needs a process to
16 focus the scientific effort on the Puget Sound ecosystem and to
17 distribute research funds.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The Puget Sound leadership council created pursuant to chapter . .
4 ., Laws of 2007 (House Bill No. 1374 or Senate Bill No. 5374) shall:

5 (1) Work with the science panel to identify gaps in scientific
6 research related to restoring Puget Sound, including the aquatic
7 rehabilitation zone one created in RCW 90.88.010;

8 (2) Develop a competitive process for soliciting research
9 addressing those gaps;

10 (3) Solicit and strategically prioritize research programs and
11 projects in accordance with recommendations from the science panel;

12 (4) Select and fund the highest priority research programs and
13 projects; and

14 (5) Develop and implement an appropriate peer review process to
15 review results from such programs and projects.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 90.71 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 The Puget Sound scientific research account is created in the state
19 treasury. All gifts, grants, federal moneys, or appropriations made to
20 the account must be deposited into the account. Moneys in the account
21 may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account
22 may be used only for research programs and projects selected pursuant
23 to section 2 of this act.

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