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Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1084** 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 State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy and Hunt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating the board on geographic names; amending
2 RCW 43.30.215; adding new sections to chapter 43.30 RCW; and creating
3 a new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.30.215 and 2003 c 334 s 112 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The board shall:

8 (1) Perform duties relating to appraisal, appeal, approval, and
9 hearing functions as provided by law;

10 (2) Establish policies to ensure that the acquisition, management,
11 and disposition of all lands and resources within the department's
12 jurisdiction are based on sound principles designed to achieve the
13 maximum effective development and use of such lands and resources
14 consistent with laws applicable thereto;

15 (3) Constitute the board of appraisers provided for in Article 16,
16 section 2 of the state Constitution;

17 (4) Constitute the commission on harbor lines provided for in
18 Article 15, section 1 of the state Constitution as amended;

1 (5) Constitute the board on geographic names as provided for in
2 sections 2 through 6 of this act; and

3 (6) Adopt and enforce rules as may be deemed necessary and proper
4 for carrying out the powers, duties, and functions imposed upon it by
5 this chapter.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 The board on geographic names is created to establish a procedure
9 for the retention and formal recognition of existing geographic names;
10 to standardize the procedures for naming or renaming geographical
11 features within the state of Washington; to identify one body as the
12 responsible agency to coordinate this important activity between local,
13 state, and federal agencies; to identify the responsible agency for the
14 purpose of serving the public interest; to avoid the duplication of
15 names for similar features whenever possible; and as far as possible,
16 to retain the significance, spelling, and color of names associated
17 with the early history of Washington.

18 The board on geographic names has the following duties:

19 (1) Establish the official names for the lakes, mountains, streams,
20 places, towns, and other geographic features within the state and the
21 spellings thereof except when a name is specified by law. For the
22 purposes of this subsection, geographic features do not include
23 human-made features or administrative areas such as parks, game
24 reserves, and dams, but do include human-made lakes;

25 (2) Assign names to lakes, mountains, streams, places, towns, and
26 other geographic features in the state for which no generally accepted
27 name has been in use;

28 (3) Cooperate with county commissions, state departments, agencies,
29 the state legislature, and the United States board on geographic names
30 to establish, change, or determine the appropriate names of lakes,
31 mountains, streams, places, towns, and other geographic features for
32 the purposes of eliminating, as far as possible, duplications of place
33 names within the state;

34 (4) Serve as a state of Washington liaison with the United States
35 board on geographic names;

36 (5) Periodically issue a list of names approved by the board on
37 geographic names; and

1 (6) Establish policies to carry out the purposes of this section
2 and sections 3 through 5 of this act.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The board on geographic names shall establish a committee on
6 geographic names to assist the board in performing its duties and to
7 provide broader contextual, public, and tribal participation in naming
8 geographic features in the state. The committee shall report to the
9 board on geographic names and shall consist of:

10 (a) The commissioner or representative;

11 (b) The state librarian or the librarian's designee;

12 (c) The director of the department of archaeology and historic
13 preservation or the director's designee;

14 (d) A representative of the Washington state tribes, to be
15 appointed by the commissioner from nominations made by Washington's
16 recognized tribal governments. The tribal representative serves a
17 three-year term; and

18 (e) Three members from the public to be appointed by the
19 commissioner. Initial appointments of the public members appointed
20 under this subsection shall be as follows: One member for a one-year
21 term, one member for a two-year term, and one member for a three-year
22 term. Thereafter, each public member shall be appointed for a
23 three-year term.

24 (2) Each member of the committee shall continue in office until a
25 successor is appointed. The commissioner shall serve as chair of the
26 board.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
28 to read as follows:

29 (1) The committee on geographic names shall hold at least two
30 meetings each year, and may hold special meetings as called by the
31 chair or a majority of the members of the committee. All meetings must
32 be open to the public.

33 (a) Notice of all committee meetings shall be as provided in RCW
34 42.30.080. The notice must include the names to be considered by the
35 committee and the names to be adopted by the board on geographic names.

36 (b) Four committee members shall constitute a quorum.

1 (2) The committee shall establish rules for the conduct of its
2 affairs and to carry out the duties of this section.

3 (3) The committee shall cooperate with the United States board on
4 geographic names.

5 (4) The committee shall make reports and recommendations to the
6 board on geographic names following each meeting of the committee.
7 Recommendations regarding adoption of names may only be made following
8 consideration at two committee meetings.

9 (5) In considering the names and spellings of geographic place
10 names, the committee's recommendations to the board on geographic names
11 may only be made after careful deliberation of all available
12 information relating to such names, including the recommendations of
13 the United States board on geographic names.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 (1) The board on geographic names shall consider the
17 recommendations made by the committee on geographic names for adoption
18 of names. The board on geographic names must either adopt the name as
19 recommended, or refer the matter back to the committee on geographic
20 names for further review.

21 (2) All geographic names adopted by the board on geographic names
22 shall be published in the Washington State Register.

23 (3) Whenever the board on geographic names has given a name to any
24 lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature within the state, the
25 name must be used in all maps, records, documents, and other
26 publications issued by the state or any of its departments and
27 political subdivisions, and that name is the official name of the
28 geographic feature.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** A new section is added to chapter 43.30 RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 The department of natural resources shall provide secretarial and
32 administrative services for the board on geographic names and shall
33 serve as custodian of the records.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** If specific funding for the purposes of this

1 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
2 June 30, 2011, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
3 void.

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