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By Representatives Schmick, Fagan, Haler, and Moscoso

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1 AN ACT Relating to designating Palouse falls as the state  
2 waterfall; adding a new section to chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new  
3 section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The tourist industry is a vital part of  
6 the state's economy. Palouse falls has visitors numbering averaging  
7 over eighty thousand to one hundred thousand per year. The falls drop  
8 one hundred ninety-eight feet identifying them as the last remaining  
9 year-round waterfalls left by the ice age floods.

10 (2) Palouse falls was named sixth on the top ten best United States  
11 waterfalls list, tenth on the list of the world's most amazing  
12 waterfalls, and the site of the world record breaking kayak drop.

13 (3) Palouse falls surrounding area is the location for the oldest  
14 documented remains found in the western hemisphere; home of the Palouse  
15 Native American culture; birthplace of the Appaloosa horse; and  
16 documented in Lewis and Clark's journals.

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

1 Palouse falls is hereby designated as the official waterfall of the  
2 state of Washington.

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