

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2365

As Reported by House Committee On:
State Government, Elections & Information Technology

Title: An act relating to the state fungus.

Brief Description: Designating the pine mushroom as the official state fungus.

Sponsors: Representatives Dolan, Ormsby, Hudgins, Santos, Appleton and Doglio.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

State Government, Elections & Information Technology: 1/10/18, 2/2/18 [DPS].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Designates the *Tricholoma murrillianum* as the official state fungus of the state of Washington.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, ELECTIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 8 members: Representatives Hudgins, Chair; Dolan, Vice Chair; McDonald, Ranking Minority Member; Kraft, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appleton, Gregerson, Irwin and Pellicciotti.

Staff: Desiree Omlie (786-7105).

Background:

The *Tricholoma murrillianum* is also known as the pine mushroom. It is ivory in color with reddish-brown scales, a large annulus, and has a distinctive odor. The *Tricholoma murrillianum* is a species of *Tricholoma matsutake* that is found in western North America, including the Pacific Northwest.

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Summary of Substitute Bill:

The *Tricholoma murrillianum* is designated as the official fungus of the state of Washington.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill:

The substitute bill corrects a grammatical error by changing fungi to fungus.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date of Substitute Bill: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Last year this bill was brought by the students from The Evergreen State College, who wrote the language and testified in committee. This bill is a lesson in civics education. The state does not have an official state fungus. This particular mushroom is important to trade and tourism in the state. The Japanese and Asian Pacific community covet this mushroom. The mushroom lives at the base of trees and brings them oxygen. It is also predominantly found in Eastern Washington. The symbiotic relationship that the pine mushroom shares with our state forests, the international significance of the mushroom, and its delicious taste make it a good candidate as the state mushroom.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Charles Adkins, Geoduck Student Union at The Evergreen State College.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.