

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5816

As of January 31, 2018

Title: An act relating to designating Sasquatch the official cryptid or crypto-animal of Washington.

Brief Description: Designating Sasquatch the official cryptid or crypto-animal of Washington.

Sponsors: Senator Rivers.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/02/18.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Designates Sasquatch as the official Washington State cryptid or crypto-animal.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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Background: General provisions of state law designate official Washington State items, such as the state bird—willow goldfinch, state fruit—apple, and official marine mammal—orca.

A cryptid or crypto-animal is an animal whose existence or survival to the present day is disputed or unsubstantiated and is often focused on folklore record.

Sasquatch, also known as Bigfoot or Forest Yeti, is said to inhabit forests mainly in the Pacific Northwest and is usually described as a large human or ape-like creature covered in hair.

Summary of Bill: The Sasquatch, also commonly called Bigfoot or Forest Yeti, is designated as the official cryptid or crypto-animal of Washington State.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.