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**HOUSE BILL 1067**

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**By** Representatives Morgan, Ybarra, Shewmake, Gregerson, Kirby, and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to the state dinosaur; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the *Suciasaurus*  
5 *rex*, the first and, as of the effective date of this section, only  
6 dinosaur discovered in Washington state, should be designated as the  
7 state dinosaur. In May 2012, paleontologists discovered a portion of  
8 a left femur of a theropod dinosaur at Sucia Island state park in the  
9 San Juan Islands. Theropods are bipedal carnivorous dinosaurs that  
10 include *Tyrannosaurus* and *Velociraptor*. While scientists are unsure  
11 exactly what type of theropod the fossil belongs to, evidence  
12 suggests it may be a species similar to *Daspletosaurus*. The dinosaur  
13 has been nicknamed *Suciasaurus rex*.

14 Dinosaurs are not usually found in Washington because of its  
15 proximity to an active tectonic plate boundary and the high degree of  
16 human development. Some scientists believe the *Suciasaurus rex* lived  
17 somewhere between Baja California, Mexico, and northern California,  
18 and its fossil traveled to Washington along with a portion of the  
19 western edge of North America that was displaced to British Columbia  
20 in the Late Cretaceous period, but the fossil's exact location of  
21 origin remains controversial.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 1.20 RCW  
2    to read as follows:  
3        The Sucasaurus rex is hereby designated as the official dinosaur  
4    of the state of Washington.

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