

**HB 1020** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on State Government & Elections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

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

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

23 The *Suciasaurus rex* is hereby designated as the official dinosaur  
24 of the state of Washington."

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1        On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "dinosaur;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
3 1.20 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Corrects the spelling of theropod.

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