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**SENATE BILL 5595**

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**By** Senators J. Wilson, Rolfes, Holy, L. Wilson, Lovick, Nguyen, Randall, C. Wilson, Valdez, Kuderer, Torres, Pedersen, Dhingra, Lovelett, Padden, Keiser, Muzzall, Short, Robinson, Schoesler, Dozier, Wagoner, Billig, Van De Wege, Warnick, Fortunato, Rivers, Braun, King, Gildon, Boehnke, McCune, Shewmake, Saldaña, Cleveland, Trudeau, Frame, Conway, Hasegawa, and Hunt

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

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the official  
5 adoption of "the evergreen state" as the state nickname will be the  
6 final chapter to formalize a nickname long associated with our  
7 beautiful state. This nickname has been long circulated by word of  
8 mouth, storytelling, and license plate display. The reference to  
9 freshness is supported by foliage that remains green and functional  
10 past just one growing season.

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

13 "The evergreen state" is hereby designated as the official  
14 nickname of the state of Washington.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Nothing in this act shall be construed as  
16 creating a requirement for any entity to update or revise any  
17 existing materials, documents, or publications.

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