

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5212**

66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 19, 2019  
Yeas 47 Nays 0

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 9, 2019  
Yeas 96 Nays 0

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5212** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Higher Education & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Palumbo, Wilson, L., Rolfes, Mullet, Wilson, C., Hunt, and Kuderer)

READ FIRST TIME 02/18/19.

1            AN ACT Relating to adoption of dogs and cats used for science or  
2 research purposes; adding a new section to chapter 18.92 RCW; and  
3 creating a new section.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 18.92  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) A higher education facility that receives public money,  
8 including tax exempt status, or a facility that provides research in  
9 collaboration with a higher education facility, that utilizes dogs or  
10 cats for scientific, educational, or research purposes, upon  
11 conclusion of a dog or cat's use for scientific, educational, or  
12 research purposes shall:

13            (a) Have the facility's attending veterinarian or designee assess  
14 the health of the dog or cat and determine if the dog or cat is  
15 suitable for adoption, consistent with guidelines promulgated by the  
16 American veterinary medical association; and

17            (b) Make reasonable efforts to offer the dog or cat for adoption,  
18 when the dog or cat is deemed suitable for adoption, through the  
19 facility's own adoption program or through an animal care and control  
20 agency or an animal rescue group as defined in RCW 82.04.040. A  
21 facility that offers dogs or cats for adoption to an animal care and

1 control agency or an animal rescue group under this section may enter  
2 into an agreement to facilitate adoptions.

3 (2) Nothing in this section shall:

4 (a) Create a duty upon an animal care and control agency or an  
5 animal rescue group to accept a dog or cat offered for adoption by a  
6 research facility; or

7 (b) Prohibit a facility from completing scientific research or  
8 educational use prior to making a suitability for adoption  
9 determination.

10 (3) A research facility that provides a dog or cat for adoption  
11 pursuant to this section is immune from any civil liability for acts  
12 or omissions relating to the adoption of a dog or cat pursuant to  
13 subsection (1) of this section, other than acts constituting willful  
14 or wanton misconduct.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the  
16 homes for animal heroes act.

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