

## **Senate Bill 6057**

Attention all rockhounds. A bill has been introduced in our state Senate that will allow rock collecting on Department of Fish and Wildlife managed lands and codify allowing rock collecting on Department of Natural Resources managed lands. This is SB 6057. We need all members of every rock club in the state to contact their state senators and ask them to sponsor this bill. We also need you to contact your state representatives and ask them to introduce this legislation in the state assembly

SB 6057 is sponsored by Senators [Honeyford](#), [Hatfield](#), [Becker](#), [Schoesler](#), [Shin](#), [Delvin](#), and is currently in the Committee on Energy, Natural Resources and Marine Waters.

There is a link at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> where a person can get information on this Bill. There is also a provision within the link to follow the progress of same, I am told. It is now early in the Legislative process and at least the Bill has been referred to Committee.

It is imperative that all Newsletter Editors/publishers send out notice about this Bill and encourage their organization's members to contact their Legislators for further action to bring it to the Floor for a vote of passage. Newsletter Editors should also publish the following link <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx> for their subscribers to find contact information regarding their own State Legislators and encourage them to utilize this link and become a part of the "process".

Remember, submitting a Bill does not get it passed!! I feel it is the pressure of the constituents upon their WA State Legislators, both the in the House and the Senate, that get Bills pushed through.

It is up to the Rockhounds, Knappers and others of like interest to get moving to push on this ASAP and keep the pressure on throughout this session until it gets passed! It is now up to us, the people who can benefit the most from the passage of this Bill, to carry the ball! If we don't, there is no further hope for these groups to gain or even keep their collecting areas/locations open to the public! Senator Jim Honeyford has been very supportive and cooperative in our interests. He and the other signees of this bill need to be recognized for this progress to date.

So please, contact your state legislators and report any and all responses to me at [bwaterss2011@gmail.com](mailto:bwaterss2011@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
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