FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1769

Synopsis as Enacted C 258 L 93

Brief Description: Expanding the authority of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation regarding recreational trails.

By Representatives Linville, R. Johnson, Dunshee, Wolfe, Pruitt, Rust, Karahalios, Stevens, Schoesler, Jacobsen, Basich and J. Kohl.

House Committee on Natural Resources & Parks Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks

Background: In 1970, the Legislature established the concept of a state recreational trails system. The Legislature delegated the responsibility for preparation of a state trails plan to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).

Under current law, the IAC is authorized and encouraged to cooperate with several entities to see if abandoned roadways, utility rights-of-way, and other properties are suitable and available for inclusion in the state trail system. The IAC is encouraged to consult and cooperate with federal, state, and local government agencies, with private landowners, and with privately owned utilities.

Summary: In addition to the entities identified above, the IAC is also expressly authorized and encouraged to consult with diking, drainage and flood control special districts. In addition to abandoned roadways and utility rights-of-way, the IAC is to consider dikes and levees for inclusion in the state trails system.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0 Senate 40 3

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