

2 **E2SSB 6235** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED AS AMENDED 3/4/98**
3 By Committee on Trade & Economic Development

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that
8 coordinated funding efforts are needed to maintain, develop, and
9 improve the state's community outdoor athletic fields. Rapid
10 population growth and increased urbanization have caused a decline in
11 suitable outdoor fields for community athletic activities and has
12 resulted in overcrowding and deterioration of existing surfaces. Lack
13 of adequate community outdoor athletic fields directly affects the
14 health and well-being of all citizens of the state, reduces the state's
15 economic viability, and prevents Washington from maintaining and
16 achieving the quality of life that it deserves. Therefore, it is the
17 policy of the state and its agencies to maintain, develop, fund, and
18 improve youth or community athletic facilities, including but not
19 limited to community outdoor athletic fields.

20 (2) In carrying out this policy, the legislature intends to promote
21 the building of new community outdoor athletic fields, the upgrading of
22 existing community outdoor athletic fields, and the maintenance of
23 existing community outdoor athletic fields across the state of
24 Washington. The purpose of sections 1 through 4 of this act is to
25 create an advisory council to provide information and advice to the
26 interagency committee for outdoor recreation in the distribution of the
27 funds in the youth athletic facility grant account established in RCW
28 43.99N.060(4).

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A community outdoor athletic fields
30 advisory council is established within the interagency committee for
31 outdoor recreation. The advisory council shall consist of nine
32 members, from the public at large, appointed as follows: (a) Four
33 members appointed by the chairperson of the interagency committee for
34 outdoor recreation; (b) two members appointed by the house of
35 representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house of

1 representatives and the minority leader of the house of
2 representatives; (c) two members appointed by the senate, one each
3 appointed by the majority leader of the senate and the minority leader
4 of the senate; and (d) one member appointed by the governor, who shall
5 serve as chairperson of the advisory council. The appointments must
6 reflect an effort to achieve a balance among the appointed members
7 based upon factors of geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity,
8 and with a sense and awareness of community outdoor athletic fields
9 needs.

10 (2) The advisory council shall provide information to and make
11 recommendations to the interagency committee for outdoor recreation on
12 the award of funds from the youth athletic facility grant account
13 created in RCW 43.99N.060(4), to cities, counties, and qualified
14 nonprofit organizations for acquiring, developing, equipping,
15 maintaining, and improving youth or community athletic facilities,
16 including but not limited to community outdoor athletic fields.

17 (3) The members shall serve three-year terms. Of the initial
18 members, two shall be appointed for a one-year term, three shall be
19 appointed for a two-year term, and the remainder shall be appointed for
20 three-year terms. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-
21 year terms. The member appointed by the governor shall serve as
22 chairperson of the advisory council for the duration of the member's
23 term.

24 (4) Members of the advisory council shall serve without
25 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided
26 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Subject to available resources, the
28 interagency committee for outdoor recreation, in consultation with the
29 community outdoor athletic fields advisory council may:

30 (1) Prepare and update a strategic plan for the development,
31 maintenance, and improvement of community outdoor athletic fields in
32 the state. In the preparation of such plan, the interagency committee
33 for outdoor recreation may use available data from federal, state, and
34 local agencies having community outdoor athletic responsibilities, user
35 groups, private sector interests, and the general public. The plan may
36 include, but is not limited to:

37 (a) An inventory of current community outdoor athletic fields;

38 (b) A forecast of demand for these fields;

1 (c) An identification and analysis of actual and potential funding
2 sources; and

3 (d) Other information the interagency committee for outdoor
4 recreation deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of sections 1
5 through 4 of this act;

6 (2) Determine the eligibility requirements for cities, counties,
7 and qualified nonprofit organizations to access funding from the youth
8 athletic facility grant account created in RCW 43.99N.060(4);

9 (3) Encourage and provide opportunities for interagency and
10 regional coordination and cooperative efforts between public agencies
11 and between public entities and nonprofit organizations involved in the
12 maintenance, development, and improvement of community outdoor athletic
13 fields; and

14 (4) Create and maintain data, studies, research, and other
15 information relating to community outdoor athletic fields in the state,
16 and to encourage the exchange of this information.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The interagency committee for outdoor
18 recreation may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from public and
19 private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or otherwise,
20 for the use and benefit of the purposes of sections 1 through 4 of this
21 act and spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or
22 private sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the
23 gifts, grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
25 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
26 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
27 persons or circumstances is not affected.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act expire one
29 year after RCW 82.14.0494 expires.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
31 added to chapter 43.99 RCW under the subchapter heading "youth or
32 community athletic facilities."

33 Correct the title.

1 EFFECT: The striking amendment: (a) creates the advisory
2 committee in the IAC; (b) advisory committee membership is increased
3 from 5 to 9; (c) removes \$50 per day compensation and only provides
4 standard reimbursement for travel expenses; (d) makes duties
5 responsibility of IAC, in consultation with advisory committee, subject
6 to available resources; (e) clarifies that IAC, in consultation with
7 advisory committee, awards grants from youth athletic grant account to
8 cities, counties, and qualified nonprofit organizations; (f) allows IAC
9 to accept gifts, grants, and endowments for purpose of community
10 outdoor athletic fields; and (g) places statutes as subchapter in IAC
11 law under heading "Community Outdoor Athletic Fields."

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