

2 **E2SSB 6235** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 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) Five
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 by the speaker of the house of

1 representatives and the minority leader of the house of
2 representatives; and (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. The appointments must reflect an effort to achieve a
5 balance among the appointed members based upon factors of geographic,
6 racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, and with a sense and awareness of
7 community outdoor athletic field needs.

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

15 (3) The members shall serve three-year terms. Of the initial
16 members, two shall be appointed for a one-year term, three shall be
17 appointed for a two-year term, and the remainder shall be appointed for
18 three-year terms. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-
19 year terms. The chairperson of the interagency committee for outdoor
20 recreation shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairperson of
21 the advisory council for the duration of the member's term.

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

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

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

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

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

37 (c) An identification and analysis of actual and potential funding
38 sources; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 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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