

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESB 5495

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Modifying the appointment process for members of the community outdoor athletic fields advisory council.

**Sponsors:** Senator Jacobsen.

**Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines**  
**House Committee on Natural Resources**

**Background:** The Community Outdoor Athletic Fields Advisory Council advises the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) about awarding grants and loans from the youth athletic facility account. The nine members are appointed from the public at large: four by the chair of the IAC; two by the House of Representatives; two by the Senate; and one, who is the chair, by the Governor. Compensation is limited to reimbursement of travel expenses.

There is a desire for more specificity as to the nature of the recommendations from the council. Also, it is felt that a coordinated appointment process by the agency directly involved in the issues would be more efficient and would enable the council to more effectively carry out its responsibilities.

**Summary:** The Community Outdoor Athletic Fields Advisory Council must advise the IAC annually. In addition to advising and providing information to the IAC, the council recommends how to allocate funds from the Youth Athletic Facility Account. Recommendations include the division of funds between maintenance, development, and improvement of athletic facilities.

Except for the members approved by the Legislature and the chair who is appointed by the Governor, all members of the council are appointed by the chair of the IAC. The IAC director may make an appointment to the council if there is a vacancy of longer than 90 days in any of the legislative appointment positions.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0	
House	95	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	1	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 22, 2001