
SENATE BILL 5024

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By Senators Jacobsen, Oke and Carlson

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1 AN ACT Relating to policies of the parks and recreation
2 commission; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

5 (a) All lands known as public parks and parkways, and
6 recreational, natural, cultural, and historic sites are unique
7 public treasures preserved for the benefit, vitality, and
8 enjoyment of the public; and

9 (b) All lands administered by the state parks and recreation
10 commission are significant to the state of Washington, requiring
11 thoughtful stewardship and appropriate use to ensure their
12 preservation for and availability to future generations.

13 (2) Based on the foregoing, the legislature declares that it is
14 the mission of the commission to acquire, operate, enhance, and
15 protect a diverse system of recreational, cultural, historic, and
16 natural sites, and foster outdoor recreation and environmental
17 education statewide to provide enjoyment and enrichment for all, a

1 valued legacy to future generations, and perpetuate the character
2 and culture of the citizenry.

3 (3) Towards these ends, in addition to the policies set forth
4 in RCW 79A.05.305, the state parks and recreation commission,
5 using its own resources and through partnerships with private and
6 public entities shall:

7 (a) Protect and preserve natural, recreational, cultural, and
8 historical resources of significance to the state;

9 (b) Foster public enjoyment, understanding, appreciation, and
10 safe use of these resources through education;

11 (c) Host a wide range of public recreation experiences to renew
12 the human spirit;

13 (d) Welcome visitors from all cultural, ethnic, and social
14 backgrounds, as well as seniors, youth, and the physically and
15 mentally challenged;

16 (e) Provide safe, attractive, high-quality facilities and
17 programs to those who use the state's park system; and

18 (f) Promote state and community tourism and economic vitality.

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