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1 AN ACT Relating to maximizing the use of state-owned natural
2 resources facilities; and creating new sections.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Currently, the department of fish and
5 wildlife, the parks and recreation commission, and the department of
6 natural resources own lands that have capital facilities located on
7 them. Many of these facilities are in poor physical condition. Some
8 of these facilities are abandoned. Many of these facilities are
9 located near populated areas, near tourist destinations, or are near
10 state highways that travelers use to access tourist destinations. Many
11 of these properties are owned by the state for the purpose of
12 protecting certain habitats, ecosystems, or wildlife, or have played a
13 role in the environmental history of the state. The state does not
14 have sufficient resources to refurbish, maintain, and use many of these
15 facilities.

16 There are many nonprofit organizations in the state dedicated to
17 the protection of various species and working to protect various
18 habitats and ecosystems. These groups provide a valuable educational
19 opportunity for the public concerning these species and habitats.

1 There is an opportunity for state recreation and natural resources
2 agencies that have poorly maintained facilities to develop partnerships
3 with nonprofit organizations. These partnerships would include the
4 state providing the capital financing for the renovation and repair of
5 facilities, while nonprofit organizations would provide maintenance and
6 staffing at the facilities, as well as providing educational
7 opportunities for citizens of the state.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of fish and wildlife, the
9 parks and recreation commission, and the department of natural
10 resources must jointly establish a committee to review the use of
11 state-owned facilities located on lands dedicated to recreation and
12 natural resource uses. The committee must include two members from the
13 senate, one from each major political party, appointed by the president
14 of the senate, and two members from the house of representatives, one
15 from each major political party, appointed by the co-speakers of the
16 house of representatives. The committee must also include members from
17 interested stakeholder groups located throughout the state.

18 The committee must:

19 (1) Identify potential state-owned, natural resource or recreation-
20 based facilities that would:

21 (a) Promote a more effective use of the state-owned facility;

22 (b) Increase the involvement of nonprofit organizations in the
23 educational use of state-owned lands; and

24 (c) Maximize the investment of state funds in state-owned lands by
25 identifying potential partnerships with nonprofit organizations;

26 (2) Identify potential nonprofit partners for various sites; and

27 (3) Develop a standard memorandum of understanding between the
28 state agencies and nonprofit organizations that would address various
29 issues such as division of responsibilities, liabilities, obligations
30 of each party, and other issues of concern.

31 The committee must submit a report to the legislature by January 7,
32 2002. The report must include a list of potential sites, possible
33 sources of funding for improvements to these sites, and a list of
34 possible stakeholder partners. The list of stakeholder partners must
35 include details of the stakeholders' contributions to the sites or

1 program. The report may include recommended legislation or
2 supplemental budget requests.

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