
**Natural Resources, Ecology &
Parks Committee**

HB 2658

Brief Description: Establishing a statewide ORV data base.

Sponsors: Representatives Hinkle, B. Sullivan, Condotta and Kretz.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to offer a grant for the creation of a public, statewide GIS database that maps public lands open for off-road vehicle use.

Hearing Date: 1/24/06

Staff: Jason Callahan (786-7117).

Background:

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) manages a number of grant programs designed to provide funding for outdoor recreation. There are specific IAC-managed grant programs that provide funding for off-road vehicle (ORV) opportunities. Sources for ORV grant funding include a dedicated portion of the state's motor vehicle fuel tax and a fee paid by ORV owners upon vehicle registration. These fund sources are also used by the IAC for administrative expenses and to support ongoing off-road and non-highway recreation programs.

Summary of Bill:

The IAC must offer a competitive grant to an applicant qualified to create and maintain a statewide GIS database of ORV recreation areas open to the general public in Washington. The database will be available on the IAC's website. The IAC will fund the grant as it funds other ongoing programs.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.