
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5089

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By Senators Sheldon, Fraser and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to reducing nuisance noise from off-road vehicles;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A task force on off-road vehicle
5 noise management is established. The task force consists of the
6 following members:

7 (i) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
8 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
9 representatives;

10 (ii) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the
11 senate, appointed by the president of the senate; and

12 (iii) Participants invited by the legislative members, including
13 but not limited to persons representing the following:

14 (A) Three county commissioners, one representing counties with a
15 population of two hundred thousand or more people and two representing
16 counties with populations of fewer than two hundred thousand people;

17 (B) A representative of port districts;

18 (C) A representative of the department of natural resources,
19 selected by the commissioner of public lands;

1 (D) A representative of the department of ecology, selected by the
2 director of ecology;

3 (E) A representative of the interagency committee for outdoor
4 recreation, selected by the director of the committee;

5 (F) A representative of the parks and recreation commission,
6 selected by the director of the commission;

7 (G) A person representing manufacturers of off-road vehicles;

8 (H) A representative of the United States forest service;

9 (I) Recreational users; and

10 (J) Interested citizens.

11 (b) The committee shall choose its chair from among its membership.

12 (2) The committee shall review the following issues:

13 (a) The appropriateness and enforceability of current decibel
14 requirements for off-road vehicles;

15 (b) The appropriateness of any off-road vehicle usage requirements
16 that would minimize nuisance noise impacts on those not operating the
17 off-road vehicle;

18 (c) The applicability and consistency of local ordinances
19 concerning noise and off-road vehicle usage; and

20 (d) The availability of, and barriers to, using public lands or
21 other large ownerships to create areas where off-road vehicles can be
22 operated with minimum noise disturbance of neighbors.

23 (3)(a) The committee shall be staffed by the house office of
24 program research and senate committee services.

25 (b) Legislative members of the committee will be reimbursed for
26 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.

27 (4) The committee shall report its findings and recommendations in
28 the form of draft legislation to the legislature by December 1, 2005.

29 (5) This section expires July 1, 2006.

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