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1 AN ACT Relating to state park funding; amending RCW 79A.05.215 and
2 79A.05.070; adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 On June 30th of each odd-numbered year, the state treasurer shall
8 transfer from the general fund to the state parks renewal and
9 stewardship account created in RCW 79A.05.215 the sum of eight million
10 dollars.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 1995 c 211 s 7 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the
14 state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all
15 receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, transfers from the
16 general fund under section 1 of this act, and other state park-based
17 activities shall be deposited into the account. Expenditures from the
18 account may be used for operating state parks, developing and

1 renovating park facilities, undertaking deferred maintenance, enhancing
2 park stewardship, and other state park purposes. Expenditures from the
3 account may be made only after appropriation by the legislature.

4 **Sec. 3.** RCW 79A.05.070 and 2003 c 186 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The commission may:

7 (1) Make rules and regulations for the proper administration of its
8 duties;

9 (2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching
10 requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes
11 in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests,
12 devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;
13 enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private
14 nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise
15 money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the commission for
16 the purposes of this chapter. The commission may assist the nonprofit
17 group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel
18 and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may
19 inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of
20 its purposes to benefit the commission as provided in this chapter.
21 The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of
22 any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of
23 any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts
24 may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in
25 part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the
26 facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;

27 (3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and
28 recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled
29 programs;

30 (4) Act jointly, when advisable, with the United States, any other
31 state agencies, institutions, departments, boards, or commissions in
32 order to carry out the objectives and responsibilities of this chapter;

33 (5) Grant franchises and easements for any legitimate purpose on
34 parks or parkways, for such terms and subject to such conditions and
35 considerations as the commission shall specify;

36 (6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities
37 as the commission shall deem proper. The commission may not charge, on

1 a system-wide basis, fees for park day-use access or parking. Fees for
2 park day-use access or parking may only be charged when the proceeds
3 are dedicated to deferred maintenance or capital projects within the
4 park at which the fees are charged;

5 (7) Enter into agreements whereby individuals or companies may rent
6 undeveloped parks or parkway land for grazing, agricultural, or mineral
7 development purposes upon such terms and conditions as the commission
8 shall deem proper, for a term not to exceed forty years;

9 (8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks
10 and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in
11 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the
12 qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be
13 needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

14 (9) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated,
15 the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a
16 majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes
17 of this chapter: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not have power to
18 supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds
19 shall be made available for such purpose.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 3 of this act takes effect July 1,
21 2007.

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