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By Senator Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting use of state park day-use access fees  
2 to costs of collection, deferred maintenance, and capital projects;  
3 amending RCW 79A.05.070; and providing an effective date.

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

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

7 The commission may:

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

10 (2) Accept any grants of funds made with or without a matching  
11 requirement by the United States, or any agency thereof, for purposes  
12 in keeping with the purposes of this chapter; accept gifts, bequests,  
13 devises and endowments for purposes in keeping with such purposes;  
14 enter into cooperative agreements with and provide for private  
15 nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise  
16 money to contribute gifts, grants, and support to the commission for  
17 the purposes of this chapter. The commission may assist the nonprofit  
18 group in a cooperative effort by providing necessary agency personnel  
19 and services, if available. However, none of the moneys raised may

1 inure to the benefit of the nonprofit group, except in furtherance of  
2 its purposes to benefit the commission as provided in this chapter.  
3 The agency and the private nonprofit group shall agree on the nature of  
4 any project to be supported by such gift or grant prior to the use of  
5 any agency property or facilities for raising money. Any such gifts  
6 may be in the form of recreational facilities developed or built in  
7 part or in whole for public use on agency property, provided that the  
8 facility is consistent with the purposes of the agency;

9 (3) Require certification by the commission of all parks and  
10 recreation workers employed in state aided or state controlled  
11 programs;

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

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

18 (6) Charge such fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities  
19 as the commission shall deem proper. Fees for park day-use access may  
20 only be charged when the net proceeds after the costs of collection are  
21 used for deferred maintenance or capital projects. For the purposes of  
22 this subsection, "costs of collection" includes the time spent by state  
23 parks personnel on fee education, custodial and maintenance work, and  
24 visitor services in addition to their fee collection duties;

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

29 (8) Determine the qualifications of and employ a director of parks  
30 and recreation who shall receive a salary as fixed by the governor in  
31 accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.03.040 and determine the  
32 qualifications and salary of and employ such other persons as may be  
33 needed to carry out the provisions hereof; and

34 (9) Without being limited to the powers hereinbefore enumerated,  
35 the commission shall have such other powers as in the judgment of a  
36 majority of its members are deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes  
37 of this chapter: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not have power to

1 supervise directly any local park or recreation district, and no funds  
2 shall be made available for such purpose.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2006.

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