

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1813

As Passed House:

February 23, 2007

Title: An act relating to changing the name of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation.

Brief Description: Changing the name of the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to the recreation and conservation funding board.

Sponsors: By Representatives Kelley, Priest, Hunt, Dunshee, Hinkle, Condotta, Fromhold and Linville; by request of Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Agriculture & Natural Resources: 2/7/07 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/23/07, 91-3.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Renames the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation the "Recreation and Conservation Funding Board" and renames the Office of the Interagency Committee to the "Recreation and Conservation Office."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 15 members: Representatives B. Sullivan, Chair; Blake, Vice Chair; Kretz, Ranking Minority Member; Warnick, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Dickerson, Eickmeyer, Grant, Hailey, Kagi, Lantz, McCoy, Newhouse, Orcutt, Strow and VanDeWege.

Staff: Jaclyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

The Office of the Interagency Committee

The Office of the Interagency Committee (OIC) is tasked to oversee five different programs: the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the Washington Biodiversity Council, the Governor's

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Monitoring Forum, the Invasive Species Council, and the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC). Approximately 11 grants are administered by the OIC (nine grants are through the IAC and two grants are through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board). The five programs under the OIC study various subjects relating to recreation and conservation, and each program reports their findings back to the Legislature.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation

The IAC was established by voter initiative in 1964. The IAC is composed of five citizens appointed by the Governor, as well as the directors or designees of the Department of Natural Resources, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the State Parks and Recreation Commission. The IAC mandate is to preserve, conserve, and enhance the state's recreational resources.

Summary of Bill:

The IAC will now be named the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. The OIC is renamed the Recreation and Conservation Office. The name changes have no impact on the validity of any contracts, agreements, or any other documents.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect on July 1, 2007.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The name of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation should reflect more accurately the area of responsibility of the office and the committee. The new name will have more meaning for the public and will be less confusing. This bill will clarify between the office staff and the eight person committee. The name change is the only substantive change in the bill.

(Neutral) In the future, the IAC should stay focused on both conservation and recreational opportunities, not just conservation.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Kelley, prime sponsor; and Jim Fox, Office of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

(Neutral) John Eaton, Washington Off Highway Vehicle Alliance.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.