

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1813

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation, March 21, 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: Representatives Kelley, Priest, Hunt, Dunshee, Hinkle, Condotta, Fromhold and Linville; by request of Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

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

Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 3/15/07, 3/21/07 [DP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Jacobsen, Chair; Rockefeller, Vice Chair; Fraser, Hargrove, Poulsen, Spanel, Stevens and Swecker.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Morton, Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Kim Johnson (786-7346)

Background: The Office of the Interagency Committee (OIC), while not explicitly defined in statute, operates under the authorities of the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and provides staff support to the following five boards: the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation; the Salmon Recovery Funding Board; the Governors Forum on Monitoring Salmon Recovery and Watershed Health; the Washington Biodiversity Council; and the Invasive Species Council, which is set to sunset on December 31, 2011.

Established by citizen Initiative 215 in 1964, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) helps finance recreation and conservation projects throughout the state. The eight-member committee consists of the Director of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Director of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, the Commissioner of Public Lands, and five citizen volunteers who are appointed by the Governor. The IAC administers several grant programs for recreation and habitat conservation purposes.

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Summary of Bill: The IAC will now be named the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board.

The OIC is renamed the Recreation and Conservation Office.

A sunset date of December 31, 2011, is provided for the invasive species council account.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

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

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation spent the last 18 months doing public outreach to try to determine the proper name to best capture the mission of the IAC. The current name simply does not conform to the current purposes of the committee or its work. It has been 40 years now, and the name needs to be changed.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Jim Fox, Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.