
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6274

State of Washington

61st Legislature

2010 Regular Session

By Senate Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senator Jacobsen)

READ FIRST TIME 01/19/10.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a work group to make
2 recommendations to improve trail interactions in Washington state;
3 creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that trail-based
6 recreational opportunities provide important health, aesthetic,
7 cultural, social, and economic opportunities for the people of
8 Washington state. As the population of Washington state has grown and
9 new forms of trail-based recreation have emerged, interactions among
10 individual trail users and user groups have increased. The legislature
11 intends to create a work group to examine and make recommendations to
12 improve trail access and interactions in the state.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state trail interactions
14 work group is established.

15 (2) The work group must consist of appropriate and balanced
16 representation from:

17 (a) Nonmotorized recreation associations and organizations;

18 (b) Motorized recreation associations and organizations;

1 (c) Landowners and managers, including private landowners, local
2 governments, state and federal agencies, and tribal governments; and

3 (d) Associations and organizations representing individuals
4 employed or volunteering in the parks and recreation services field.

5 (3) The work group must examine trail interactions in Washington
6 state, including backcountry, rural, and urban trail interactions, and
7 make recommendations to improve such interactions, which must include
8 recommendations relating to: Trail access; the accessibility of online
9 trail-based information; signage; and trail enjoyment and safety.

10 (4) The work group shall hold meetings at diverse locations
11 throughout the state to ensure that key stakeholders, citizens, and
12 local jurisdictions from across the state have the opportunity to
13 provide input.

14 (5) The work group must provide a report to the appropriate
15 committees of the legislature containing its recommendations by
16 December 1, 2010.

17 (6) The work group must be staffed by the recreation and
18 conservation office. The director of the recreation and conservation
19 office shall appoint members to the work group.

20 (7) Work group members that are not employees of state or federal
21 agencies are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel expenses as
22 provided by RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

23 (8) This section expires June 30, 2011.

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