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By Representative Seaguist

- 1 On page 5, after line 20, insert the following:
- "NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. The legislature finds that the most 2 3 beneficial partnership for Washington's state parks would be a partnership between the purchasers of discover passes and day-use 4 5 permits and the general public through the state's general fund to 6 provide adequate financial support for the state park system. effectuate this partnership, a dollar to dollar match of sales of 7 8 discover passes and day-use permits with general fund dollars is hereby 9 created.
- 10 **Sec. 10.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 7 are each 11 amended to read as follows:
- 12 The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the 13 state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, donations collected under 14 15 RCW 46.16A.090(3), and other state park-based activities shall be deposited into the account. The proceeds from the recreation access 16 pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090, the transfers from the state 17 general fund pursuant to section 13 of this act, and amounts received 18 19 under RCW 82.19.040 may only be used for the purpose of operating and 20 maintaining state parks. Expenditures from the account may be used for operating state parks, developing and renovating park facilities, 21 22 undertaking deferred maintenance, enhancing park stewardship, and other state park purposes. Expenditures from the account may be made only 23 24 after appropriation by the legislature.
- 25 **Sec. 11.** RCW 79A.05.215 and 2011 c 320 s 22 are each amended to 26 read as follows:
- The state parks renewal and stewardship account is created in the state treasury. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all

- receipts from user fees, concessions, leases, donations collected under RCW 46.16A.090(3), and other state park-based activities shall be deposited into the account. The proceeds from the recreation access
- 4 pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090 and the transfers from the state
- 5 general fund pursuant to section 13 of this act must be used for the
- 6 purpose of operating and maintaining state parks. Expenditures from
- 7 the account may be used for operating state parks, developing and
- 8 renovating park facilities, undertaking deferred maintenance, enhancing
- 9 park stewardship, and other state park purposes. Expenditures from the
- 10 account may be made only after appropriation by the legislature.

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- 11 **Sec. 12.** RCW 79A.80.090 and 2011 c 320 s 10 are each amended to read as follows:
 - (1) The recreation access pass account is created in the state treasury. All moneys received from the sale of discover passes and day-use permits must be deposited into the account.
 - (2) Each fiscal biennium, the first seventy-one million dollars in revenue <u>from the sales of discover passes and day-use permits</u> must be distributed to the agencies in the following manner:
 - (a) Eight percent to the department of fish and wildlife and deposited into the state wildlife account created in RCW 77.12.170;
- 21 (b) Eight percent to the department of natural resources and 22 deposited into the park land trust revolving fund created in RCW 23 43.30.385; and
 - (c) Eighty-four percent to the state parks and recreation commission and deposited into the state parks renewal and stewardship account created in RCW 79A.05.215.
 - (3) Each fiscal biennium, revenues in excess of seventy-one million dollars must be distributed equally among the agencies to the accounts identified in subsection (2) of this section.
- 30 (4) Revenues transferred to the account from the state general fund 31 pursuant to section 13 of this act must be distributed in the same 32 proportion as discover pass and day-use permit sales revenue is 33 distributed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. A new section is added to chapter 79A.80 RCW to read as follows:
- On September 1, 2015, and on September 1st of each subsequent year,

- 1 the state treasurer shall transfer from the state general fund to the
- 2 recreation access pass account created in RCW 79A.80.090 an amount
- 3 equal to the sales of discover passes and day-use permits during the
- 4 immediately preceding fiscal year. These general fund matching funds
- 5 must be distributed to the department of fish and wildlife, the
- 6 department of natural resources, and the state parks and recreation
- 7 commission in the same manner and in the same proportions as the sales
- 8 revenues would be distributed as provided in RCW 79A.80.090.
- 9 NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. Section 10 of this act expires June 30,
- 10 2017.
- 11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 15.** Section 11 of this act takes effect June
- 12 30, 2017."
- 13 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Beginning September 1, 2015, requires an annual transfer by the state treasurer from the general fund to the recreation access pass account of an amount equal to the previous year's sales of discover passes and day-use permits. These matching funds from the general fund must be distributed to state parks, the department of fish and wildlife, and the department of natural resources in the same proportions as are deposits from discover pass and day-use permit sales.

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