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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Pearson, McAuliffe, Hatfield, Warnick,  
Hewitt, and Roach

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& Parks.

1            AN ACT Relating to the application of the discover pass  
2 requirement to motor vehicles used subject to certain agreements; and  
3 amending RCW 79A.80.020 and 79A.80.110.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.80.020 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 1 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7            (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a discover pass  
8 is required for any motor vehicle to:

9            (a) Park at any recreation site or lands; or

10           (b) Operate on any recreation site or lands.

11           (2) Except as provided in RCW 79A.80.110, the cost of a discover  
12 pass is thirty dollars. Every four years the office of financial  
13 management must review the cost of the discover pass and, if  
14 necessary, recommend to the legislature an adjustment to the cost of  
15 the discover pass to account for inflation.

16           (3) A discover pass is valid for one year beginning from the date  
17 that the discover pass is marked for activation. The activation date  
18 may differ from the purchase date pursuant to any policies developed  
19 by the agencies.

20           (4) Sales of discover passes must be consistent with RCW  
21 79A.80.100.

1 (5) The discover pass must contain space for two motor vehicle  
2 license plate numbers. A discover pass is valid only for: Those  
3 vehicle license plate numbers written on the pass; and use with one  
4 motor vehicle at any one time. However((~~7~~)):

5 (a) The agencies may offer for sale a family discover pass that  
6 is fully transferable among vehicles and does not require the  
7 placement of a license plate number on the pass to be valid. The  
8 agencies must collectively set a price for the sale of a family  
9 discover pass that is no more than fifty dollars((~~A discover pass~~  
10 is valid only for use with one motor vehicle at any one time)); and

11 (b) A person may use a previously purchased discover pass with a  
12 rental car or shared car by: Including that vehicle's license plate  
13 number on the discover pass if space is available; or, if space is  
14 not available, displaying a written note in a prominent location near  
15 the discover pass indicating that the car is a rental car or shared  
16 car. The agencies may not impose an additional fee or permit  
17 requirement in order to display a previously purchased discover pass  
18 with a rental car or shared car. For purposes of this subsection,  
19 "rental car" has the same meaning as in RCW 46.04.465 and "shared  
20 car" means a motor vehicle that is part of a fleet available to  
21 members of a car sharing organization on a fee for use basis.

22 (6) One complimentary discover pass must be provided to a  
23 volunteer who performed twenty-four hours of service on agency-  
24 sanctioned volunteer projects in a year. The agency must provide  
25 vouchers to volunteers identifying the number of volunteer hours they  
26 have provided for each project. The vouchers may be brought to an  
27 agency to be redeemed for a discover pass.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 79A.80.110 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 15 s 4 are each  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 (1)(a) By mutual agreement, the agencies may sell discounted  
31 discover passes at a rate below that established under RCW 79A.80.020  
32 or discounted day-use permits at a rate below that established under  
33 RCW 79A.80.030 for purposes of bulk sales to retailers, agency  
34 license and permit product bundling, and partnership opportunities to  
35 expand accessibility and visibility of the discover pass and  
36 recreational opportunities on agency-managed lands.

37 (b) The agencies must pursue opportunities for bulk sales to and  
38 partnership opportunities with rental car and car sharing companies.  
39 In doing so, the agencies must seek to expand the accessibility and

1 visibility of the discover pass, make recreation on agency-managed  
2 land more convenient for users of rental and shared cars, and create  
3 a net revenue gain from the discover pass consistent with subsection  
4 (2) of this section.

5 (2) In exercising this authority, the agencies must prioritize  
6 opportunities for discounted sales that result in a net revenue gain.

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