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**SENATE BILL 6670**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Billig, Van De Wege, Salomon, Schoesler, Conway, and Saldaña

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1 AN ACT Relating to encouraging access to state parks through  
2 cooperative programs with libraries; adding a new section to chapter  
3 79A.80 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state parks  
6 and recreation commission on a pilot basis has cooperated with  
7 several library systems throughout the state to encourage library  
8 patrons to gain outdoor recreation experiences at state parks and  
9 other recreational lands administered by the state. Under this  
10 program, the commission has provided discover passes to a library  
11 that may be checked out on a temporary basis by library patrons for  
12 vehicle parking in state parks. In addition, some libraries also  
13 offer equipment that may be checked out to enhance the outdoor  
14 experience, including backpacks and binoculars. The legislature  
15 intends to make available resources so that the commission may offer  
16 discover passes to any library that chooses to make discover passes  
17 available for loan by library patrons.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.80  
19 RCW to read as follows:

1       Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
2 specific purpose, the commission may provide discover passes to  
3 libraries that provide the pass on a loan basis to their patrons as  
4 with other library materials. The commission should prioritize  
5 offering passes to libraries that also offer to check out backpacks,  
6 binoculars, or other equipment that will enhance the patron's outdoor  
7 experience.

8       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.** The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars,  
9 or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the  
10 fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the state  
11 parks and recreation commission for the purposes of this act.

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