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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6235

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen and Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to community athletic facilities; adding a new  
2 chapter to Title 43 RCW; and providing a contingent expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that  
5 coordinated funding efforts are needed to maintain, develop, and  
6 improve the state's community outdoor athletic fields. Rapid  
7 population growth and increased urbanization have caused a decline in  
8 suitable outdoor fields for community athletic activities and has  
9 resulted in overcrowding and deterioration of existing surfaces. Lack  
10 of adequate community outdoor athletic fields directly affects the  
11 health and well-being of all citizens of the state, reduces the state's  
12 economic viability, and prevents Washington from maintaining and  
13 achieving the quality of life that it deserves. Therefore, it is the  
14 policy of the state and its agencies to maintain, develop, fund, and  
15 improve community outdoor athletic fields.

16 (2) In carrying out this policy, the legislature intends to  
17 promote the building of new community outdoor athletic fields and  
18 upgrade existing community outdoor athletic fields across Washington  
19 state. The purpose of this chapter is to create an advisory committee

1 to provide information and advice to the interagency committee for  
2 outdoor recreation in the distribution of the funds established in the  
3 voter-approved Seahawk stadium legislation, RCW 43.99N.060.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A community outdoor athletic fields  
5 advisory committee is established within the interagency committee for  
6 outdoor recreation. The committee consists of seven members, three  
7 members from the public at large, appointed by the governor, one member  
8 from each caucus in the house of representatives, appointed by the  
9 speaker of the house of representatives, and one member from each  
10 caucus in the senate, appointed by the president of the senate. The  
11 governor must use his or her best efforts to achieve a balance among  
12 the appointed members of the public at large based upon factors of  
13 geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, and with a sense and  
14 awareness of community outdoor athletic field needs.

15 (2) The terms of members shall commence on the date of appointment  
16 and shall be for three years, or until a successor is appointed, except  
17 in the case of appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the  
18 remainder of the unexpired term. However, the first members shall be  
19 appointed for terms as follows: One member of the public at large for  
20 one year; two members of the public at large for two years; one member  
21 of the house of representatives for one year; one member from the house  
22 of representatives for two years; one member of the senate for two  
23 years; and one member of the senate for three years. The governor  
24 shall appoint one of the members from the public at large to serve as  
25 chair of the council for the duration of the member's term.

26 (3) Members from the public at large shall be compensated in  
27 accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and shall be entitled to reimbursement  
28 individually for travel expenses incurred in performance of their  
29 duties as members of the council in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and  
30 43.03.060.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The community outdoor athletic fields  
32 advisory committee may have the following duties:

33 (1) To prepare and update a strategic plan for the development,  
34 maintenance, and improvement of community outdoor athletic fields in  
35 the state. The plan must be prepared in coordination with the office  
36 of the governor and the office of financial management, with  
37 participation of federal, state, and local agencies having community

1 outdoor athletic responsibilities, user groups, private sector  
2 interests, and the general public. The advisory committee shall submit  
3 the plan and its policy recommendations to the governor. The plan may  
4 include, but is not limited to:

5 (a) An inventory of current community outdoor athletic fields;

6 (b) A forecast of demand for these fields;

7 (c) An identification and analysis of actual and potential funding  
8 sources;

9 (d) A process for broad scale information gathering;

10 (e) An assessment of the capabilities and constraints, both  
11 internal and external to state government, that affect the ability of  
12 the state to achieve the goals of the plan;

13 (f) An analysis of strategic options and decisions available to the  
14 state;

15 (g) An implementation strategy that is coordinated with executive  
16 policy and budget priorities; and

17 (h) The elements necessary to qualify for participation in or the  
18 receipt of aid from any federal program for community outdoor athletic  
19 fields;

20 (2) The committee shall determine the eligibility requirements for  
21 a qualified nonprofit organization;

22 (3) To encourage and provide opportunities for interagency and  
23 regional coordination and cooperative efforts between public agencies  
24 and between public and private entities involved in the maintenance,  
25 development, and improvement of community outdoor athletic fields;

26 (4) To appoint technical and other committees as may be necessary  
27 to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and

28 (5) To create and maintain a repository for data, studies,  
29 research, and other information relating to community outdoor athletic  
30 fields in the state, and to encourage the exchange of this information.

31 The community outdoor athletic fields advisory committee may  
32 provide information to and advise the interagency committee for outdoor  
33 recreation on the disbursement of funds governed by RCW 43.99N.060.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
35 a new chapter in Title 43 RCW.

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its  
37 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the

1 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
2 persons or circumstances is not affected.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act expire one  
4 year after RCW 82.14.0494 expires.

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