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SENATE BILL 5515

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By Senators Owen, Oke and Hargrove

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1 AN ACT Relating to metal detectors in state parks; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 43.51 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** It is the intent of the legislature that  
5 those historic archaeological resources on state park lands that are of  
6 importance to the history of our state, or its communities, be  
7 protected for the people of the state. At the same time, the  
8 legislature also recognizes that the recreational use of metal  
9 detectors in state parks is a legitimate form of recreation that can be  
10 compatible with the protection of historic archaeological resources.  
11 It is, therefore, the intent of the legislature to allow the  
12 recreational use of metal detectors in state parks except in areas  
13 where historic archaeological resources have been identified.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.51 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16 The commission may not prohibit the use of metal detectors for  
17 recreational purposes in state parks except in areas where a historic  
18 archaeological resource has been identified pursuant to RCW

1 27.53.030(11). In those state park areas that do not contain historic  
2 archaeological resources under RCW 27.53.030(11), the use of metal  
3 detectors shall be permitted subject to reasonable rules set forth by  
4 the commission. The commission shall adopt rules consistent with this  
5 policy.

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