
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1061

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Sheldon, Mielke and Grant)

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1 AN ACT Relating to metal detectors in state parks; adding new
2 sections 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 significant historic archaeological resources on state park lands
6 that are of importance to the history of our state, or its communities,
7 be 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 significant historic archaeological
11 resources.

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

14 (1) By September 1, 1997, the commission shall increase the area
15 available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least two
16 hundred acres.

17 (2) Beginning September 1, 1998, and each year thereafter until
18 August 31, 2003, the commission shall increase the area of land

1 available for use by recreational metal detectors by at least fifty
2 acres.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.51 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 (1) The commission shall develop a cost-effective plan to identify
6 historic archaeological resources in at least one state park containing
7 a military fort located in Puget Sound. The plan shall include the use
8 of a professional archaeologist and volunteer citizens. By December 1,
9 1997, the commission shall submit a brief report to the appropriate
10 standing committees of the legislature on how the plan will be
11 implemented and the cost of the plan.

12 (2) Any park land that is made available for use by recreational
13 metal detectors under this section shall count toward the requirements
14 established in section 2 of this act.

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