
ENGROSSED 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 five members from the
7 public at large, appointed by the governor. The governor must use his
8 or her best efforts to achieve a balance among the appointed members of
9 the public at large based upon factors of geographic, racial, ethnic,
10 and gender diversity, and with a sense and awareness of community
11 outdoor athletic field needs.

12 (2) The terms of the members shall commence on the date of
13 appointment and shall be for three years, or until a successor is
14 appointed except in the case of appointments to fill vacancies which
15 shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. However, the first
16 members shall be appointed for terms as follows: Two members for one
17 year and three members for two years. The governor shall appoint one of
18 the members to serve as chair of the council for the duration of the
19 member's term.

20 (3) Members shall be compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240
21 and shall be entitled to reimbursement individually for travel expenses
22 incurred in performance of their duties as members of the council in
23 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

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

26 (1) To prepare and update a strategic plan for the development,
27 maintenance, and improvement of community outdoor athletic fields in
28 the state. The plan must be prepared in coordination with the office
29 of the governor and the office of financial management, with
30 participation of federal, state, and local agencies having community
31 outdoor athletic responsibilities, user groups, private sector
32 interests, and the general public. The advisory committee shall submit
33 the plan and its policy recommendations to the governor. The plan may
34 include, but is not limited to:

- 35 (a) An inventory of current community outdoor athletic fields;
36 (b) A forecast of demand for these fields;

1 (c) An identification and analysis of actual and potential funding
2 sources;

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

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

7 (f) An analysis of strategic options and decisions available to the
8 state;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** If any provision of this act or its
31 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
32 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
33 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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

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