

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6235

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COMMUNITY OUTDOOR ATHLETIC FIELDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 1, 1998

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6235** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

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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 new
2 sections to chapter 43.99 RCW; and providing a contingent expiration
3 date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature recognizes that
6 coordinated funding efforts are needed to maintain, develop, and
7 improve the state's community outdoor athletic fields. Rapid
8 population growth and increased urbanization have caused a decline in
9 suitable outdoor fields for community athletic activities and has
10 resulted in overcrowding and deterioration of existing surfaces. Lack
11 of adequate community outdoor athletic fields directly affects the
12 health and well-being of all citizens of the state, reduces the state's
13 economic viability, and prevents Washington from maintaining and
14 achieving the quality of life that it deserves. Therefore, it is the
15 policy of the state and its agencies to maintain, develop, fund, and
16 improve youth or community athletic facilities, including but not
17 limited to community outdoor athletic fields.

18 (2) In carrying out this policy, the legislature intends to promote
19 the building of new community outdoor athletic fields, the upgrading of

1 existing community outdoor athletic fields, and the maintenance of
2 existing community outdoor athletic fields across the state of
3 Washington. The purpose of sections 1 through 4 of this act is to
4 create an advisory council to provide information and advice to the
5 interagency committee for outdoor recreation in the distribution of the
6 funds in the youth athletic facility grant account established in RCW
7 43.99N.060(4).

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A community outdoor athletic fields
9 advisory council is established within the interagency committee for
10 outdoor recreation. The advisory council shall consist of nine
11 members, from the public at large, appointed as follows: (a) Four
12 members appointed by the chairperson of the interagency committee for
13 outdoor recreation; (b) two members appointed by the house of
14 representatives, one each appointed by the speaker of the house of
15 representatives and the minority leader of the house of
16 representatives; (c) two members appointed by the senate, one each
17 appointed by the majority leader of the senate and the minority leader
18 of the senate; and (d) one member appointed by the governor, who shall
19 serve as chairperson of the advisory council. The appointments must
20 reflect an effort to achieve a balance among the appointed members
21 based upon factors of geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity,
22 and with a sense and awareness of community outdoor athletic fields
23 needs.

24 (2) The advisory council shall provide information to and make
25 recommendations to the interagency committee for outdoor recreation on
26 the award of funds from the youth athletic facility grant account
27 created in RCW 43.99N.060(4), to cities, counties, and qualified
28 nonprofit organizations for acquiring, developing, equipping,
29 maintaining, and improving youth or community athletic facilities,
30 including but not limited to community outdoor athletic fields.

31 (3) The members shall serve three-year terms. Of the initial
32 members, two shall be appointed for a one-year term, three shall be
33 appointed for a two-year term, and the remainder shall be appointed for
34 three-year terms. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for three-
35 year terms. The member appointed by the governor shall serve as
36 chairperson of the advisory council for the duration of the member's
37 term.

1 (4) Members of the advisory council shall serve without
2 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided
3 in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Subject to available resources, the
5 interagency committee for outdoor recreation, in consultation with the
6 community outdoor athletic fields advisory council may:

7 (1) Prepare and update a strategic plan for the development,
8 maintenance, and improvement of community outdoor athletic fields in
9 the state. In the preparation of such plan, the interagency committee
10 for outdoor recreation may use available data from federal, state, and
11 local agencies having community outdoor athletic responsibilities, user
12 groups, private sector interests, and the general public. The plan may
13 include, but is not limited to:

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

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

16 (c) An identification and analysis of actual and potential funding
17 sources; and

18 (d) Other information the interagency committee for outdoor
19 recreation deems appropriate to carry out the purposes of sections 1
20 through 4 of this act;

21 (2) Determine the eligibility requirements for cities, counties,
22 and qualified nonprofit organizations to access funding from the youth
23 athletic facility grant account created in RCW 43.99N.060(4);

24 (3) Encourage and provide opportunities for interagency and
25 regional coordination and cooperative efforts between public agencies
26 and between public entities and nonprofit organizations involved in the
27 maintenance, development, and improvement of community outdoor athletic
28 fields; and

29 (4) Create and maintain data, studies, research, and other
30 information relating to community outdoor athletic fields in the state,
31 and to encourage the exchange of this information.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The interagency committee for outdoor
33 recreation may receive gifts, grants, or endowments from public and
34 private sources that are made from time to time, in trust or otherwise,
35 for the use and benefit of the purposes of sections 1 through 4 of this
36 act and spend gifts, grants, or endowments or income from the public or

1 private sources according to their terms, unless the receipt of the
2 gifts, grants, or endowments violates RCW 42.17.710.

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

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

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 6 of this act are each
10 added to chapter 43.99 RCW under the subchapter heading "youth or
11 community athletic facilities."

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