

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5179

PARTIAL VETO

C 249 L 99

Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Creating Title 79A RCW, Public Recreational Lands.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Oke and Jacobsen).

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation

House Committee on Natural Resources

Background: The state parks are governed by a number of statutes located in diverse places throughout the code. Many of the statutes are antiquated and have not been addressed since they were enacted. The scattered locations, lack of cross referencing, and lack of clarity make the laws difficult to follow.

Summary: All parks and recreation statutes are placed together into a new title, 79A RCW. The provisions are grouped into subject areas. Cross referencing is added. Language is made gender neutral and more uniform. Obsolete language and sections are removed. Provisions that have caused confusion and uncertainty are clarified.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0	
House	92	0	(House amended)
Senate	44	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: July 25, 1999

Partial Veto Summary: The Governor vetoed Section 903 because that same provision of law had been amended by HB 1331. The two changes would have conflicted with each other. The vetoed provision replaced archaic language with modern terms. HB 1331 accomplishes a similar result.