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By Representatives Edwards, Doumit, Sump, Cooper, Haigh, Eickmeyer, Tokuda, Boldt, Dunn, Esser, Lovick and Jackley

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1 AN ACT Relating to a legislative task force on local park and  
2 recreation maintenance and operations; creating new sections; providing  
3 an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislative task force on local park  
6 and recreation maintenance and operations is created and is comprised  
7 of the following members, who are appointed as follows:

8 (a) Four members of the house of representatives, two from each  
9 major caucus, appointed by the co-speakers of the house of  
10 representatives;

11 (b) Four members of the senate, two from each major caucus,  
12 appointed by the president of the senate;

13 (c) Two representatives of county government parks and recreation,  
14 one of whom must be from a county that is mostly urban and one from a  
15 county that is mostly rural, appointed by a statewide organization  
16 representing county governments;

17 (d) Two representatives of city government parks and recreation,  
18 one of whom must be from a city with a population over thirty thousand  
19 people and one from a city with a population less than thirty thousand

1 people, appointed by a statewide organization representing city  
2 governments;

3 (e) Three representatives of local parks users, one of whom must  
4 represent the interests of team sport users, one of whom must represent  
5 the interests of individual users, and one of whom must represent youth  
6 users, appointed by a statewide organization that represents local park  
7 and recreation interests;

8 (f) A representative of the office of financial management,  
9 appointed by the director of the office of financial management;

10 (g) A representative of the sporting goods and outdoor recreation  
11 products industry, appointed by a statewide organization representing  
12 producers and retailers of such merchandise;

13 (h) A representative of commercial business interests that are  
14 affected by the existence of local parks, appointed by a statewide  
15 organization representing the interests of commercial business in this  
16 state; and

17 (i) A representative of an environmental interest organization with  
18 familiarity and expertise in parks land use issues, appointed by a  
19 statewide organization representing environmental interests.

20 (2) The task force must convene as soon as possible upon  
21 appointment of its members. The task force must elect a chair and  
22 agree upon procedures for conducting the business of the task force.  
23 Staff support for the task force must be provided by the interagency  
24 committee for outdoor recreation.

25 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) By December 1, 2001, the task force  
26 established in section 1 of this act must report and recommend to the  
27 legislature:

28 (a) An analysis detailing current local park and recreation uses  
29 and trends;

30 (b) An analysis detailing current funding for local park and  
31 recreation maintenance and operations;

32 (c) An analysis of the benefits that local parks provide to the  
33 state;

34 (d) An analysis of the anticipated future needs of local parks and  
35 recreation agencies, including utilization, maintenance, operations,  
36 and other needs identified; and

37 (e) Recommended sources of funding to meet the operational needs of  
38 local parks and recreation agencies identified in the report.

1 (2) The task force must make recommendations to the legislature on  
2 any other issues, and at such times, as the task force deems important  
3 to the successful implementation of this act.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The task force shall meet as and when it  
5 sees fit in order to properly carry out the functions and duties set  
6 forth in this act. However, in order to facilitate substantial and  
7 inclusive input, the task force shall meet in at least four different  
8 parts of the state.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2002.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
13 immediately.

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