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## SENATE BILL 6031

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to a conservation pass; and creation new sections.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that the state's
- 4 fish and wildlife resources and the state's parks and recreation lands
- 5 and facilities are some of the most popular and valuable resources in
- 6 the state.
- 7 Making these resources easily accessible to all of the citizens of
- 8 the state is a priority goal. The purpose of this act is to study and
- 9 review the feasibility of combining the department of fish and
- 10 wildlife's access pass with the proposed state parks' day use pass into
- 11 a single, convenient, conservation pass.
- 12 The legislature intends to provide an opportunity for nonprofit,
- 13 conservation-oriented organizations to participate in the selling of
- 14 the conservation pass.
- 15 Further, the legislature intends to explore the possibility of
- 16 providing new revenue for new watchable wildlife programs on state park
- 17 lands.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature directs the department of fish and wildlife, the parks and recreation commission, and the department of revenue to convene a work group to explore the feasibility of creating a conservation pass that would accomplish the goals set out in section 1 of this act. The work group must include members from interested stakeholder groups that represent a broad diversity of views and interests related to outdoor recreation.

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The work group must report its recommendation to the legislature by January 7, 2002.

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