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SENATE BILL 6843

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By Senators Roach, McDonald, Swecker, Rasmussen, Jacobsen, Honeyford, Shin, Hochstatter and Stevens

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1 AN ACT Relating to the operation of state parks by volunteers;  
2 adding a new section to chapter 79A.05 RCW; providing an expiration  
3 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 79A.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A state park facility closed due to a lack of funding may be  
8 operated on an interim basis by one or more nonprofit organizations.

9 (2) In order to assume this obligation, the nonprofit organization  
10 or organizations must apply to the commission. The commission shall  
11 accept, review, and approve the applications as expeditiously as  
12 practicable.

13 (3) Each nonprofit organization applying under this section must  
14 outline the plan for operating the park. The plan may make provisions  
15 for full or part-time operation of the park.

16 (4) In considering applications submitted under subsection (2) of  
17 this section, the commission must approve all applications unless the  
18 applicant is deemed unable to meet the obligations it offers to  
19 provide.

1           This section expires July 1, 2006.

2           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   This act is necessary for the immediate  
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
4 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
5 immediately.

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