# Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



## **Local Government Committee**

### **HB 1925**

**Brief Description:** Authorizing the issuance of civil infractions for violations of rules or regulations in county parks.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Volz, Riccelli and Graham.

#### **Brief Summary of Bill**

 Allows a board of county commissioners to establish civil infractions for rule and regulation violations relating to parks, playgrounds, or other recreational facilities that do not warrant criminal penalty.

**Hearing Date:** 1/25/22

**Staff:** Elizabeth Allison (786-7129).

#### **Background:**

Counties may establish park and playground systems for public recreational purposes. Each county may form a park and recreation board (Board) composed on seven members appointed by the board of county commissioners. One of the Board's responsibilities is to promulgate and enforce reasonable rules and regulations deemed necessary in the operation of parks, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities, and the Board may recommend to the board of county commissioners adopt any rules or regulations requiring enforcement by legal process which relates to such parks, playgrounds, and facilities. Any person that violates any such rules or regulations adopted by the board of county commissioners is guilty of a misdemeanor.

#### **Summary of Bill:**

The board of county commissioners may establish civil infractions for violations of rules or

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.