

SENATE BILL 5225

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By Senators Oke and Metcalf.

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1 AN ACT Relating to environmental interpretation in Washington's
2 state parks; adding new sections to chapter 43.51 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the lands owned
6 and managed by the state parks and recreation commission are a
7 significant collection of valuable natural, historical, and cultural
8 resources for the citizens of Washington state. The legislature
9 further finds that if citizens understand and appreciate the state park
10 ecological resources, they will come to appreciate and understand the
11 ecosystems and natural resources throughout the state. Therefore, the
12 state parks and recreation commission may increase the use of its
13 facilities and resources to provide environmental interpretation
14 throughout the state parks system.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The state parks and recreation commission
2 may provide environmental interpretative activities for visitors to
3 state parks that:

4 (1) Explain the functions, history, and cultural aspects of
5 ecosystems;

6 (2) Explain the relationship between human behaviors and attitudes
7 and the environment; and

8 (3) Offer experiences and information to increase citizen
9 appreciation and stewardship of the environment.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The state parks and recreation commission
11 may consult and enter into agreements with and solicit assistance from
12 private sector organizations and other governmental agencies that are
13 interested in conserving and interpreting Washington's environment.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this act are each added
15 to chapter 43.51 RCW.