
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6485

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By Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks (originally sponsored by Senator Sutherland)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the interagency committee for outdoor recreation
2 grant and loan priorities; amending RCW 43.17.250 and 43.98A.070;
3 creating a new section; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the interagency
6 committee for outdoor recreation loan and grant evaluation system
7 should consider recreational opportunities within the Columbia River
8 Gorge National Scenic Area.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.250 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 25 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants or loans for
12 a county, city, or town to finance public facilities, it shall consider
13 whether the county, city, or town that is requesting the grant or loan
14 is a party to or affected by the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic
15 Area management plan or a county-wide planning policy under RCW
16 36.70A.210 relating to the type of public facility for which the grant
17 or loan is sought, or in the case of a city or town, whether such city
18 or town is surrounded by a jurisdiction that is subject to a planning

1 policy under the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area management
2 plan and is impacted by such a plan, and shall accord additional
3 preference to the county, city, or town if such county-wide planning
4 policy exists. Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants
5 or loans to a special district for public facilities, it shall consider
6 whether the county, city, or town in whose planning jurisdiction the
7 proposed facility is located is a party to or affected by the Columbia
8 River Gorge National Scenic Area management plan or a county-wide
9 planning policy under RCW 36.70A.210 relating to the type of public
10 facility for which the grant or loan is sought, or, in the case of a
11 city or town, if it is surrounded by a jurisdiction that is subject to
12 the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area management plan and is
13 impacted by such a plan.

14 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.98A.070 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 14 s 8 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) In determining which state parks proposals and local parks
17 proposals to fund, the committee shall use existing policies and
18 priorities.

19 (2) Moneys appropriated for this chapter may not be used by the
20 committee to fund additional staff or other overhead expenses, or by a
21 state, regional, or local agency to fund operation and maintenance of
22 areas acquired under this chapter.

23 (3) Moneys appropriated for this chapter may be used for costs
24 incidental to acquisition, including, but not limited to, surveying
25 expenses, fencing, and signing.

26 (4) The committee may not approve a project of a local agency where
27 the share contributed by the local agency is less than the amount to be
28 awarded from the outdoor recreation account.

29 (5) The committee (~~may~~) shall adopt rules establishing
30 acquisition policies and priorities for the acquisition and development
31 of trails and water access sites to be financed from moneys in the
32 outdoor recreation account.

33 (6) In determining the acquisition and development priorities, the
34 committee shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

35 (a) For trails proposals:

36 (i) Community support;

37 (ii) Immediacy of threat to the site;

38 (iii) Linkage between communities;

- 1 (iv) Linkage between trails;
2 (v) Existing or potential usage;
3 (vi) Consistency with an existing local land use plan or a national
4 scenic area plan, regional, or state-wide recreational or resource
5 plan;
6 (vii) Availability of water access or views;
7 (viii) Enhancement of wildlife habitat; and
8 (ix) Scenic values of the site.

9 (b) For water access proposals:

- 10 (i) Community support;
11 (ii) Distance from similar water access opportunities;
12 (iii) Immediacy of threat to the site;
13 (iv) Diversity of possible recreational uses; and
14 (v) Public demand in the area.

15 (7) Before October 1st of each even-numbered year, the committee
16 shall recommend to the governor a prioritized list of state agency
17 projects to be funded under RCW 43.98A.050(1) (a), (c), and (d). The
18 governor may remove projects from the list recommended by the committee
19 and shall submit this amended list in the capital budget request to the
20 legislature. The list shall include, but not be limited to, a
21 description of each project; and shall describe for each project any
22 anticipated restrictions upon recreational activities allowed prior to
23 the project.

24 (8) Before October 1st of each year, the committee shall recommend
25 to the governor a prioritized list of all local projects to be funded
26 under RCW 43.98A.050(1) (b), (c), and (d) (~~of this act~~). The
27 governor may remove projects from the list recommended by the committee
28 and shall submit this amended list in the capital budget request to the
29 legislature. The list shall include, but not be limited to, a
30 description of each project and any particular match requirement, and
31 describe for each project any anticipated restrictions upon
32 recreational activities allowed prior to the project.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
34 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
35 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
36 effect immediately.

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