

1 1342-S AMS ECP S2876.1

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5 On page 1, after line 5, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that during the past
7 fourteen years, the Washington state parks and recreation commission
8 has endured a steady erosion of general fund operating support, which
9 has caused park closures, staff reductions, and growing backlog of
10 deferred maintenance projects. The legislature also finds that the
11 growth of parks revenue has been constrained by staff limitations and
12 by transfers of that revenue into the general fund.

13 The legislature intends to reverse the decline in operating support
14 to its state parks, stabilize the system's level of general fund
15 support, and inspire system employees and park visitors to enhance
16 these irreplaceable resources and ensure their continuing availability
17 to current and future state citizens and visitors. To achieve these
18 goals, the legislature intends to dedicate park revenues to park
19 operations, developing and renovating park facilities, undertaking
20 deferred maintenance, and improving park stewardship. The legislature
21 clearly intends that such revenues shall complement, not supplant,
22 future general fund support."

23 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
24 internal references accordingly.

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28 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "43.51 RCW;" insert "creating
29 a new section;"

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