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**Fisheries, Ecology & Parks  
Committee**

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**ESSB 5785**

**Brief Description:** Concerning the use of a nonhighway vehicle on certain nonhighway roads or trails that are restricted to pedestrian or animal travel.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Doumit, Benton, Mulliken, Schmidt and Honeyford).

**Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Bill**

- Changes the traffic infraction of operating a non-highway vehicle on a trail *which is* restricted to pedestrians or animal travel, so that it is a traffic infraction to operate a non-highway vehicle on a trail *when it is* restricted to pedestrian or animal travel.

**Hearing Date:** 3/28/03

**Staff:** Jason Callahan (786-7117).

**Background:**

It is a traffic infraction for a person to operate any non-highway vehicle on any non-highway road or trail which is restricted to pedestrians or animal travel (RCW 46.09.120). A "non-highway vehicle" is a motorized vehicle used on recreational trails. Non-highway vehicles include motorcycles, dune buggies, four-wheel drive vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and amphibious vehicles (RCW 46.09.020). A "non-highway road" is any road other than a highway capable of accommodating a conventional two-wheel drive vehicle (RCW 46.09.020).

**Summary of Bill:**

The traffic infraction of operating a non-highway vehicle on a trail *which is* restricted to pedestrians or animal travel, is changed so that it is a traffic infraction to operate a non-highway vehicle on a trail *when it is* restricted to pedestrian or animal travel.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

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