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Sponsor(s): Representatives Cooper, Delvin, O'Brien, Lovick, Berkey, Hatfield, Simpson and Linville

Brief Description: Concerning park rangers employed by the parks and recreation commission.

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Declares that park rangers vested with police powers by the commission shall enforce Title 79A RCW, rules of the commission, and other statutes as prescribed by the legislature. When prescribed by the commission, park rangers shall have and exercise, throughout the state, such police powers and duties as are vested in sheriffs and peace officers generally.

Provides that all park rangers hired after the effective date of this act are law enforcement personnel as defined in RCW 43.101.010(4). Such park rangers must successfully complete the basic law enforcement academy course, known as the basic course, sponsored by the criminal justice training commission, or the basic law enforcement equivalency certification, known as the equivalency course, provided by the criminal justice training commission.

Declares that nothing in this act or RCW 10.93.020 confers membership to such officers in the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system under chapter 41.26 RCW.