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Sponsor(s): Senators Hewitt, Oke and Regala

Brief Description: Creating the evergreen recreation pass.

**SB 5143 - DIGEST**

Declares an intent that state recreation facilities be kept open and that there be a single basic pass available to the citizens of the state of Washington that would provide, for a single fee, access to the parking, day-use, trailhead and trail, and primitive overnight camping facilities owned and operated by the commission, the fish and wildlife commission, and the department of natural resources, with a single deluxe pass that would provide boat launch access in addition to the access provided in the basic pass. It is further the intent of the legislature that a similar nonresident pass be made available, at a higher cost, to visitors to the state of Washington.

Encourages coordination with federal natural resource recreational land managers and neighboring states to develop a regional outdoor recreation pass.

Appropriates the sum of four hundred fifty thousand dollars for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, from the general fund to the state parks and recreation commission for the purposes of this act. Of that sum, no more than fifty thousand dollars may be spent developing the corps of discovery pass, and the remainder must be spent solely for the reopening, operating, and maintaining of Chief Timothy, Central Ferry, Lyons Ferry, and Crow Butte state parks in anticipation of sufficient revenues from the corps of discovery pass being generated during the 2003-2005 biennium for the maintenance and operation of these state parks.