

SB 6687-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that, as the population of Washington and the popularity of recreational off-road vehicle use have increased, a growing number of informal off-road vehicle tracks and riding areas have emerged in residential areas. Excessive noise generated by off-road vehicle use in such areas has affected the residents of nearby properties, impacting property values, health, and the ability of residents to enjoy peace and quiet in their homes and yards.

Finds that, despite their efforts, many of those who live in close proximity to informal off-road vehicle riding areas have been unable to prompt their local governments to address noise issues.

Declares an intent to strengthen provisions governing off-road vehicle noise and to provide tools and resources to state agencies, local government, and citizens, in order to better protect individuals from the effects of excessive off-road vehicle noise in residential areas.

Directs the interagency committee for outdoor recreation to convene a working group to develop and propose policy strategies and legislation to address issues relating to access to public and private lands for recreational off-road vehicle use.

Requires the working group to deliberate together in developing its recommendations. A report shall be issued by the working group and may contain majority reports and minority reports. The reports shall be provided to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2007.

Provides that, if specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing section by section number and by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2006, each section not referenced is null and void.