

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5259**

60th Legislature  
2007 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate March 9, 2007  
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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5259** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Jacobsen and Morton; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission

Read first time 01/15/2007.                      Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation.

1            AN ACT Relating to disposal of unneeded park land; and amending RCW  
2            79A.05.175.

3            BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.175 and 1999 c 249 s 601 are each amended to  
5            read as follows:

6            Whenever the commission finds that any land under its control  
7            cannot advantageously be used for park purposes, it is authorized to  
8            dispose of such land by the method provided in this section or by the  
9            method provided in RCW 79A.05.170. If such lands are school or other  
10           grant lands, control thereof shall be relinquished by resolution of the  
11           commission to the proper state officials. If such lands were acquired  
12           under restrictive conveyances by which the state may hold them only so  
13           long as they are used for park purposes, they may be returned to the  
14           donor or grantors by the commission. All other such lands may be  
15           either sold by the commission to the highest bidder or exchanged for  
16           other lands of equal value by the commission, and all conveyance  
17           documents shall be executed by the governor. All such exchanges shall  
18           be accompanied by a transfer fee, to be set by the commission and paid  
19           by the other party to the transfer; such fee shall be paid into the

1 parkland acquisition account established under RCW 79A.05.170.  
2 ((Sealed)) The commission may accept sealed bids, electronic bids, or  
3 oral bids at auction. Bids on all sales shall be solicited at least  
4 twenty days in advance of the sale date by an advertisement appearing  
5 at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of  
6 general circulation in the county in which the land to be sold is  
7 located. If the commission feels that no bid received adequately  
8 reflects the fair value of the land to be sold, it may reject all bids,  
9 and may call for new bids. All proceeds derived from the sale of such  
10 park property shall be paid into the park land acquisition account.  
11 All land considered for exchange shall be evaluated by the commission  
12 to determine its adaptability to park usage. The equal value of all  
13 lands exchanged shall first be determined by the appraisals to the  
14 satisfaction of the commission. No sale or exchange of state park  
15 lands shall be made without the unanimous consent of the commission.

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