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**HOUSE BILL 1833**

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**State of Washington 64th Legislature 2015 Regular Session**

**By** Representatives Klippert, Takko, Griffey, Wilson, Scott, Bergquist, and Tarleton

AN ACT Relating to timing free access days at state parks with local community events; and amending RCW 79A.80.050.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 79A.80.050 and 2012 c 261 s 6 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A discover pass or a day-use permit are not required within a state park for persons who have a valid camper registration, or annual natural investment permit, issued by the state parks and recreation commission.

(2)(a) The state parks and recreation commission must provide up to twelve days a year where entry to state parks is free. At least three of those days must be on weekends.

(b) When practicable, ((~~the~~)) free access days should be timed to correspond with:

(i) Any similar free access days planned by the national park service for national parks located in the general region of high volume state parks; or

(ii) Local community events and functions in communities located in the general proximity of a state park. The state parks and recreation commission must consult with any interested local parks and recreation directors when establishing free access days in order to identify appropriate planned local community events with which free access days could be paired.

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