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**President of the Senate**

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5843** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

HUNTER G. GOODMAN

**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
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By Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Ranker, Parlette, Pearson, Rolfes, Hewitt, Litzow, Conway, Hasegawa, and McAuliffe)

READ FIRST TIME 02/27/15.

1 AN ACT Relating to outdoor recreation; amending RCW 79A.05.351;  
2 and adding a new section to chapter 43.06 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.351 and 2007 c 176 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The outdoor education and recreation grant program is hereby  
7 created, subject to the availability of funds in the outdoor  
8 education and recreation account. The commission shall establish and  
9 implement the program by rule to provide opportunities for public  
10 agencies, private nonprofit organizations, formal school programs,  
11 nonformal after-school programs, and community-based programs to  
12 receive grants from the account. Programs that provide outdoor  
13 education opportunities to schools shall be fully aligned with the  
14 state's essential academic learning requirements.

15 (2) The program shall be phased in beginning with the schools and  
16 students with the greatest needs in suburban, rural, and urban areas  
17 of the state. The program shall focus on students who qualify for  
18 free and reduced-price lunch, who are most likely to fail  
19 academically, or who have the greatest potential to drop out of  
20 school.

1 (3) The director shall set priorities and develop criteria for  
2 the awarding of grants to outdoor environmental, ecological,  
3 agricultural, or other natural resource-based education and  
4 recreation programs considering at least the following:

5 (a) Programs that contribute to the reduction of academic failure  
6 and dropout rates;

7 (b) Programs that make use of research-based, effective  
8 environmental, ecological, agricultural, or other natural resource-  
9 based education curriculum;

10 (c) Programs that contribute to healthy life styles through  
11 outdoor recreation and sound nutrition;

12 (d) Various Washington state parks as venues and use of the  
13 commission's personnel as a resource;

14 (e) Programs that maximize the number of participants that can be  
15 served;

16 (f) Programs that will commit matching and in-kind resources;

17 (g) Programs that create partnerships with public and private  
18 entities;

19 (h) Programs that provide students with opportunities to directly  
20 experience and understand nature and the natural world; (~~and~~)

21 (i) Programs that include ongoing program evaluation, assessment,  
22 and reporting of their effectiveness; and

23 (j) Programs that utilize veterans for at least fifty percent of  
24 program implementation or administration.

25 (4) The director shall create an advisory committee to assist and  
26 advise the commission in the development and administration of the  
27 outdoor education and recreation program. The director should solicit  
28 representation on the committee from the office of the superintendent  
29 of public instruction, the department of fish and wildlife, the  
30 business community, outdoor organizations with an interest in  
31 education, and any others the commission deems sufficient to ensure a  
32 cross section of stakeholders. When the director creates such an  
33 advisory committee, its members shall be reimbursed from the outdoor  
34 education and recreation program account for travel expenses as  
35 provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

36 (5) The outdoor education and recreation program account is  
37 created in the custody of the state treasurer. Funds deposited in the  
38 outdoor education and recreation program account shall be transferred  
39 only to the commission to be used solely for the commission's outdoor  
40 education and recreation program purposes identified in this section

1 including the administration of the program. The director may accept  
2 gifts, grants, donations, or moneys from any source for deposit in  
3 the outdoor education and recreation program account. Any public  
4 agency in this state may develop and implement outdoor education and  
5 recreation programs. The director may make grants to public agencies  
6 and contract with any public or private agency or person to develop  
7 and implement outdoor education and recreation programs. The outdoor  
8 education and recreation program account is subject to allotment  
9 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not  
10 required for expenditures.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.06  
12 RCW to read as follows:

13 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
14 specific purpose, the governor must maintain a senior policy advisor  
15 to the governor to serve as a state lead on economic development  
16 issues relating to the outdoor recreation sector of the state's  
17 economy. The advisor must focus on promoting, increasing  
18 participation in, and increasing opportunities for outdoor recreation  
19 in Washington, with a particular focus on achieving economic  
20 development and job growth through outdoor recreation.

21 (2) The success of the advisor must be based on measurable  
22 results relating to economic development strategies that more  
23 deliberately grow employment and outdoor recreation businesses,  
24 including:

25 (a) Strategies for increasing the number of new jobs directly or  
26 indirectly related to outdoor recreation, with a short-term goal of  
27 increasing employment in the sector by ten percent above the one  
28 hundred ninety-nine thousand jobs estimated to be connected to  
29 outdoor recreation as of 2015; and

30 (b) Strategies for increasing the twenty-one billion dollars of  
31 consumer spending in Washington, and the four and one-half billion  
32 dollars of spending from out-of-state visitors, estimated to be  
33 connected to outdoor recreation as of 2015.

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