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**SENATE BILL 6670**

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2020 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Billig, Van De Wege, Salomon, Schoesler, Conway, and Saldaña

AN ACT Relating to encouraging access to state parks through cooperative programs with libraries; adding a new section to chapter 79A.80 RCW; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

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

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  The legislature finds that the state parks and recreation commission on a pilot basis has cooperated with several library systems throughout the state to encourage library patrons to gain outdoor recreation experiences at state parks and other recreational lands administered by the state. Under this program, the commission has provided discover passes to a library that may be checked out on a temporary basis by library patrons for vehicle parking in state parks. In addition, some libraries also offer equipment that may be checked out to enhance the outdoor experience, including backpacks and binoculars. The legislature intends to make available resources so that the commission may offer discover passes to any library that chooses to make discover passes available for loan by library patrons.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  A new section is added to chapter 79A.80 RCW to read as follows:

Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the commission may provide discover passes to libraries that provide the pass on a loan basis to their patrons as with other library materials. The commission should prioritize offering passes to libraries that also offer to check out backpacks, binoculars, or other equipment that will enhance the patron's outdoor experience.

NEW SECTION. **Sec.**  The sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, from the general fund to the state parks and recreation commission for the purposes of this act.

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