

ESSB 5452 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of natural resources
4 and the department of fish and wildlife shall each undergo a public
5 process to collect information related to electric-assisted bicycle
6 use on nonmotorized natural surface trails and closed roads open to
7 bicycles to determine where such use may occur, and which classes of
8 electric-assisted bicycles are acceptable on such trails and roads
9 under the agencies' management. The public processes must also
10 include a consideration of opportunities to improve awareness of
11 applicable trail rules and trail etiquette among all classes of trail
12 users.

13 (2) The public processes shall include, but not be limited
14 to, input from tribes, individuals with disabilities, representatives
15 of natural resource conservation organizations, and representatives
16 of outdoor recreation interests representing horseback riding,
17 traditional and electric-assisted mountain biking, hiking, and
18 hunting. The department of natural resources and the department of
19 fish and wildlife must report their findings to the appropriate
20 committees of the legislature by September 30, 2022.

21 (3) Until June 30, 2023, or until legislation is enacted or rules
22 are adopted related to the use of electric-assisted bicycles on
23 nonmotorized natural surface trails and closed roads on lands managed
24 by the department of natural resources and by the department of fish
25 and wildlife, whichever is earlier, the department of natural
26 resources and the department of fish and wildlife must allow persons
27 who possess a current parking placard for persons with disabilities,
28 issued by the department of transportation pursuant to RCW 46.19.030,
29 to use class 1 and class 2 electric-assisted bicycles, as defined in
30 RCW 46.04.169, on all nonmotorized natural surface trails and closed
31 roads on which bicycles are allowed."

1 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Changes the date that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) must submit their findings regarding electric-assisted bicycles and recreational trails to the Legislature, from January 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022.

(2) Requires that the public process engaged in by the DNR and the WDFW related to electric-assisted bicycles and recreational trails include a consideration of opportunities to improve awareness of applicable trail rules and trail etiquette among all classes of trail users.

(3) Authorizes persons who possess a current parking placard for persons with disabilities to use class 1 and class 2 electric-assisted bicycles on nonmotorized natural surface trails and closed roads on lands managed by the DNR and by the WDFW until June 30, 2023, or until legislation is enacted or rules are adopted on this topic, whichever is earlier.

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