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By Committee on Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 79A.05.015 and 1999 c 249 s 201 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 There is hereby created a "state parks and recreation commission"
6 consisting of seven citizens of the state. The members of the
7 commission shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice
8 and consent of the senate and shall serve for a term of six years,
9 expiring on December 31st of even-numbered years, and until their
10 successors are appointed. In case of a vacancy, the governor shall
11 fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of the commissioner whose
12 office has become vacant.

13 In making the appointments to the commission, the governor
14 (~~shall~~) should strive to choose citizens who are representative of
15 the diversity of Washington, who understand park and recreation needs
16 and interests, and who are from different regions of the state. The
17 members of the commission should include a variety of citizens with
18 different gender, ethnic, racial, and tribal backgrounds, including
19 citizens with other lived experiences. No person shall serve if (~~he~~
20 ~~or she~~) the person holds any elective or full-time appointive state,
21 county, or municipal office. Members of the commission shall be
22 compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.240 and in addition shall be
23 allowed their travel expenses incurred while absent from their usual
24 places of residence in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

25 Payment of expenses pertaining to the operation of the commission
26 shall be made upon vouchers certified to by such persons as shall be
27 designated by the commission."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "commission;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 79A.05.015."

EFFECT: Clarifies that the members of the state parks and recreation commission should include a variety of citizens with different gender, ethnic, racial, and tribal backgrounds, including citizens with other lived experiences.

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