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1 AN ACT Relating to streamlining certain decisions pertaining to
2 the development or extension of a trail or path from the state
3 environmental policy act; and adding a new section to chapter 43.21C
4 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21C
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) Decisions pertaining to the development or extension of a
9 trail or path are categorically exempted from compliance with this
10 chapter if:

11 (a) The surface area of the proposed new trail or path or
12 extension to an existing trail or path does not exceed 10 acres;

13 (b) The proposed new trail or path or extension to an existing
14 trail or path is located in whole or in part on an inactive railroad
15 right-of-way designated for interim trail use under 16 U.S.C. Sec.
16 1247; and

17 (c) The proposed new trail or path or extension to an existing
18 trail or path is not located in a designated critical area under RCW
19 36.70A.170.

20 (2) Improvements covered by this exemption include utilities and
21 support infrastructure for trails and paths, including street

1 crossings, lighting, signage, and parking facilities otherwise
2 exempted under this chapter, but not unrelated infrastructure
3 improvements.

4 (3) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
5 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (a) "Critical area" has the same meaning as "critical areas" as
7 defined in RCW 36.70A.030.

8 (b) "Extension to an existing trail or path" includes an addition
9 to an existing trail or path that connects two existing segments of
10 the trail or path.

11 (c) "Trail" and "path" have the same meaning as defined in RCW
12 47.30.005.

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