
SENATE BILL 6485

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By Senator Sutherland

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1 AN ACT Relating to interagency for outdoor recreation grant and
2 loan priorities; amending RCW 43.17.250 and 43.98A.070; creating a new
3 section; repealing RCW 43.51.380; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the interagency
6 for outdoor recreation loan and grant evaluation system should consider
7 recreational opportunities for both rural and urban areas. It further
8 recognizes that the interagency for outdoor recreation can provide
9 increased economic benefits to our state by expanding recreational
10 opportunities in rural and distressed communities.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.17.250 and 1991 sp.s. c 32 s 25 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants or loans for
14 a county, city, or town to finance public facilities, it shall consider
15 whether the county, city, or town that is requesting the grant or loan
16 is a party to or affected by the Columbia river gorge national scenic
17 area management plan or a county-wide planning policy under RCW
18 36.70A.210 relating to the type of public facility for which the grant

1 or loan is sought, or in the case of a city or town, whether such city
2 or town is surrounded by a jurisdiction that is subject to a planning
3 policy under the Columbia river gorge national scenic area management
4 plan and is impacted by such a plan, and shall accord additional
5 preference to the county, city, or town if such county-wide planning
6 policy exists. Whenever a state agency is considering awarding grants
7 or loans to a special district for public facilities, it shall consider
8 whether the county, city, or town in whose planning jurisdiction the
9 proposed facility is located is a party to or affected by the Columbia
10 river gorge national scenic area management plan or a county-wide
11 planning policy under RCW 36.70A.210 relating to the type of public
12 facility for which the grant or loan is sought, or, in the case of a
13 city or town, if it is surrounded by a jurisdiction that is subject to
14 the Columbia river gorge national scenic area management plan and is
15 impacted by such a plan.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.51.380 and 1980 c 89 s 3 are each
17 repealed.

18 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.98A.070 and 1990 1st ex.s. c 14 s 8 are each
19 amended to read as follows:

20 (1) In determining which state parks proposals and local parks
21 proposals to fund, the committee shall use existing policies and
22 priorities.

23 (2) Moneys appropriated for this chapter may not be used by the
24 committee to fund additional staff or other overhead expenses, or by a
25 state, regional, or local agency to fund operation and maintenance of
26 areas acquired under this chapter.

27 (3) Moneys appropriated for this chapter may be used for costs
28 incidental to acquisition, including, but not limited to, surveying
29 expenses, fencing, and signing.

30 (4) The committee may not approve a project of a local agency where
31 the share contributed by the local agency is less than the amount to be
32 awarded from the outdoor recreation account.

33 (5) The committee (~~may~~) shall adopt rules establishing
34 acquisition policies and priorities for the acquisition and development
35 of trails and water access sites to be financed from moneys in the
36 outdoor recreation account.

1 (6) In determining the acquisition and development priorities, the
2 committee shall consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

3 (a) For trails proposals:

4 (i) Community support;

5 (ii) Immediacy of threat to the site;

6 (iii) Linkage between communities;

7 (iv) Linkage between trails;

8 (v) Existing or potential usage;

9 (vi) Consistency with an existing local land use plan or a
10 national, regional, or state-wide recreational or resource plan;

11 (vii) Availability of water access or views;

12 (viii) Enhancement of wildlife habitat; ((and))

13 (ix) Scenic values of the site;

14 (x) Economic benefits; and

15 (xi) Tourism demands.

16 (b) For water access proposals:

17 (i) Community support;

18 (ii) Distance from similar water access opportunities;

19 (iii) Immediacy of threat to the site;

20 (iv) Diversity of possible recreational uses; ((and))

21 (v) Economic benefits; and

22 (vi) Public demand, including tourism, in the area.

23 (7) Before October 1st of each even-numbered year, the committee
24 shall recommend to the governor a prioritized list of state agency
25 projects to be funded under RCW 43.98A.050(1) (a), (c), and (d). The
26 governor may remove projects from the list recommended by the committee
27 and shall submit this amended list in the capital budget request to the
28 legislature. The list shall include, but not be limited to, a
29 description of each project; and shall describe for each project any
30 anticipated restrictions upon recreational activities allowed prior to
31 the project.

32 (8) Before October 1st of each year, the committee shall recommend
33 to the governor a prioritized list of all local projects to be funded
34 under RCW 43.98A.050(1) (b), (c), and (d) of this act. The governor
35 may remove projects from the list recommended by the committee and
36 shall submit this amended list in the capital budget request to the
37 legislature. The list shall include, but not be limited to, a
38 description of each project and any particular match requirement, and

1 describe for each project any anticipated restrictions upon
2 recreational activities allowed prior to the project.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
5 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
6 effect immediately.

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