

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2826

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing distribution of nonhighway vehicle funds to nonprofit off-road vehicle organizations.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Schoesler, Hatfield, Buck, Butler, Kessler and Robertson).

House Committee on Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

Background: The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) administers a nonhighway and off-road vehicle (ORV) activities program. Funds for this program come from the portion the IAC receives from registration of ORVs and motor vehicle fuel tax revenues. The IAC distributes a portion of these funds to state agencies, counties, municipalities, federal agencies, and Indian tribes through a competitive grants program. These public agencies use the grants they receive for planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, and management of nonhighway and off-road recreational opportunities.

Summary: Nonprofit off-road vehicle organizations are also eligible to receive IAC funds through the nonhighway and ORV activities program competitive grants process, if the funds are spent for projects or activities that benefit ORV recreation on lands once publicly owned that come into private ownership in a federally-approved land exchange completed between January 1, 1998, and January 1, 2005.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

Senate 43 0

Effective: June 11, 1998