
SENATE BILL 5209

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By Senators Haugen and Jacobsen

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1 AN ACT Relating to the preservation of historical state park
2 resources; and amending RCW 79A.05.305.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.305 and 1984 c 82 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 The legislature declares that it is the continuing policy of the
7 state of Washington to set aside and manage certain lands within the
8 state for public park purposes. To comply with public park purposes,
9 these lands shall be acquired and managed to:

10 (1) Maintain and enhance ecological, aesthetic, and recreational
11 purposes;

12 (2) Preserve and maintain mature and old-growth forests containing
13 trees of over ninety years and other unusual ecosystems as natural
14 forests or natural areas, which may also be used for interpretive
15 purposes;

16 (3) Protect cultural and historical resources, locations, and
17 artifacts, which may also be used for interpretive purposes. In order
18 to ensure the protection of historic resources, locations, and
19 artifacts, the commission shall: (a) Hold the duty to manage lands for

1 the preservation of such resources as coequal with other public park
2 purposes; (b) maintain an inventory of such resources managed by the
3 commission; (c) provide historic preservation training to employees
4 involved in the management, care, or administration of such resource;
5 and (d) when making its biennial budget request, give due consideration
6 to any funding necessary to ensure the protection of such resources;

7 (4) Provide a variety of recreational opportunities to the public,
8 including but not limited to use of developed recreation areas, trails,
9 and natural areas;

10 (5) Preserve and maintain habitat which will protect and promote
11 endangered, threatened, and sensitive plants, and endangered,
12 threatened, and sensitive animal species; and

13 (6) Encourage public participation in the formulation and
14 implementation of park policies and programs.

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