

Veto message, excerpt.

request to the legislature for appropriations to those items which I feel are absolutely necessary and essential in the administration of a forward looking and progressive state. I am firmly convinced that adequate salaries for state public elected officials and for state employees are essential. I have, therefore, acquiesced in the legislative determination of increases in salaries for elected public officials. This bill provides only moderate increases and brings their salary in line with many county elected officials.

"On the other hand, I have time and time again stated publicly and have advised the legislature that I did not advocate, did not ask for and do not want a raise in salary for the office of the Governor. It is my firm conviction that the Governor's salary should not be raised at this time. It is my considered judgment that economy begins at home.

"For these reasons I have eliminated from this bill the provision increasing the salary of Governor.

"The remainder of the bill is approved."

**ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,**  
Governor.

CHAPTER 317.

[ H. B. 18. ]

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to parks and recreation; and amending section 2, chapter 149, Laws of 1921 as last amended by section 1, chapter 391, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.51.040.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

RCW 43.51.040 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 2, chapter 149, Laws of 1921 as last amended by section 1, chapter 391, Laws of 1955 and RCW 43.51.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The commission shall:

Powers and duties—Mandatory.

(1) Have the care, charge, control, and supervision of all parks and parkways acquired or set aside by the state for park or parkway purposes.

(2) Adopt, promulgate, issue, and enforce rules and regulations pertaining to the use, care, and administration of state parks and parkways, which shall become effective ten days after adoption. The commission shall cause a copy of the rules and regulations to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in every state park to which they are applicable, but failure to post or keep any rule or regulation posted

shall be no defense to any prosecution for the violation thereof.

(3) Permit the use of state parks and parkways by the public under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed.

(4) Clear, drain, grade, seed, and otherwise improve or beautify parks and parkways, and erect structures, buildings, fireplaces, and comfort stations and build and maintain paths, trails, and roadways through or on parks and parkways.

(5) Grant concessions in state parks and parkways, upon such rentals, fees, or percentage of income or profits and for such terms, in no event longer than twenty years, and upon such conditions as shall be approved by the commission: *Provided*, That the commission may, by unanimous consent of its members grant such concessions for terms not to exceed forty years in state parks and parkways lying within the Columbia basin area in Douglas, Grant, Franklin, and Walla Walla counties and within Mount Spokane state park. No concession shall be granted which will prevent the public from having free access to the scenic attractions of any park or parkway: *Provided further, That such concessions shall be granted only after the calling of public bids thereon and shall be granted to the lowest qualified bidder.*

} Vetoed.

(6) Employ such assistance as it deems necessary.

(7) By majority vote of its authorized membership select and purchase or obtain options upon, lease, or otherwise acquire for and in the name of the state such tracts of land, including shore and tide lands, for park and parkway purposes as it deems proper. If the commission cannot acquire any tract at a price it deems reasonable, it may, by majority vote of its authorized membership, obtain title thereto, or any part thereof, by con-

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demnation proceedings conducted by the attorney general as provided for the condemnation of rights of way for state highways. Option agreements executed under authority of this subdivision shall be valid only if:

(a) The cost of the option agreement does not exceed five percent of the proposed purchase price of the property; and

(b) Moneys used for the purchase of the option agreement are from (i) funds appropriated therefor, or (ii) funds appropriated for undesignated land acquisitions, or (iii) funds deemed by the commission to be in excess of the amount necessary for the purposes for which they were appropriated; and

(c) The maximum amount payable for the property upon exercise of the option does not exceed the appraised value of the property; and

(d) The terminal date of the option does not extend beyond the August first following the regular session of the legislature next succeeding the date of execution of the option agreement.

(e) Not more than three hundred thousand dollars principal sum may be committed in any biennium by use of the process of option agreements.

(8) Cooperate with the United States, or any county or city of this state, in any matter pertaining to the acquisition for park and parkway purposes of any area not within the limits of any city, and in the care, control, or supervision of any park or parkway, and enter into contracts in writing to that end. All parks or parkways, to the acquisition or improvement of which the state shall have contributed or in whose care, control, or supervision the state shall participate pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall be governed by the provisions hereof.

(9) Investigate and report to the governor on or before the first day of January next preceding the regular session of the legislature regarding any proposed park or parkway, and make recommendations respecting other regions in the state desirable for state park or parkway purposes.

Passed the House March 11, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 24, 1959, with the exception of a certain unnumbered item contained in subsection (5), which is vetoed.

NOTE: Excerpt of Governor's veto message reads as follows:

"This amendatory act gives the State Park Commission, acting by majority vote, additional authority to utilize approximately \$300,000.00 appropriated to the commission for the purpose of obtaining options to purchase shore and tidelands for park and parkway purposes.

"I am in complete agreement with this major purpose of the bill.

"The unnumbered item in section 1, subsection (5) reads as follows:

"\* \* \* PROVIDED FURTHER, That such concessions shall be granted only after the calling of public bids thereon and shall be granted to the lowest qualified bidder."

"Obviously concessions to be granted by the State Park and Recreation Commission should be granted to the highest rather than the lowest qualified bidder.

"I am firmly convinced that the item quoted, which was added as an amendment on the floor, was adopted only through the operation of a mistake of fact. For this reason, the unnumbered item contained in subsection (5) of section 1 of the bill is vetoed and the remainder of the bill is approved."

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,  
Governor.

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excerpt from.

## CHAPTER 318.

[H. B. 384.]

### APPROPRIATION—SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to education; making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of three hundred and thirty-six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, to be apportioned by the super-

Appropriation.