

CHAPTER 64.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 72.]

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES—OUTDOOR RECREATION.

AN ACT relating to the department of natural resources; authorizing development, operation and acquisition of outdoor recreation areas and participation in outdoor recreation funding measures; authorizing the expenditure of certain funds for park purposes; providing for the exchange of state lands for privately owned lands of equal value to be used for park purposes; adding a new section to chapter 79.08 RCW; and adding new sections to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 43.30 RCW.

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

New section. Section 1. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 43.30 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Department of natural resources—Primitive recreational facilities.

The department of natural resources is authorized:

(1) To construct, operate, and maintain primitive outdoor recreation facilities on lands under its jurisdiction which are of primitive character when deemed necessary by the department to achieve maximum effective development of such lands and resources consistent with the purposes for which the lands are held. This authority shall be exercised only after review by the interagency committee for outdoor recreation and determination by the committee that the department is the most appropriate agency to undertake such construction, operation and maintenance. Such review is not required for authority exercised under the provisions of RCW 76.04.210.

(2) To acquire right of way and develop public access to lands under the jurisdiction of the department of natural resources and suitable for public outdoor recreation.

(3) To receive and expend funds from federal and state outdoor recreation funding measures for the purposes of this act.

Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 79.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

For the purpose of securing and preserving privately owned lands for parks and recreation purposes, the department of natural resources is authorized, with the advice and approval of the state board of natural resources, to exchange any state lands of equal value for such lands. Lands acquired by exchange as herein provided shall be withdrawn from lease and sale and reserved for park and recreation purposes.

Exchange of lands for recreational purposes.

Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965, and to chapter 43.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

If any provision of sections 1 through 4 of this act, or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Severability.

Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 43.30 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibility of any other state or local governmental agency, except as provided in section 1 of this act.

Construction.

Passed the House April 10, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 4, 1967.

Approved by the Governor April 19, 1967.