

2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WASHINGTON STATE PARKS

2024 Legislative Session-Recap

60-Day Short Session

Supplemental Budgets

Nearly 1,200 bills introduced in 2024

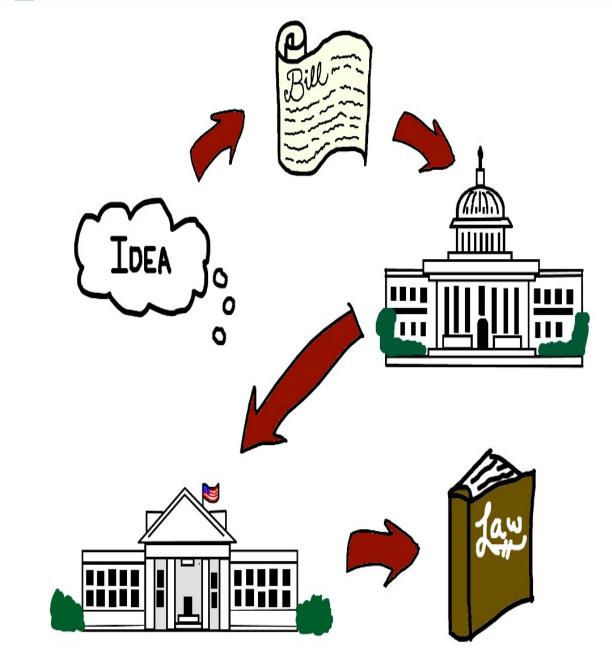
Elections in November

Governor

Public Lands Commissioner

Attorney General

Initiatives- CCA, capital gains, income tax, long-term care insurance



Commission Request Legislation

SHB 1997 (Ryu)- Composition of Parks Commission

- Passed the House 95-2-1
- Executive Session in Senate Water Agriculture Natural Resources and Parks
- No movement from Senate Rules for floor vote

SSB 5902 (Van De Wege)- Reinvesting account revenue to support the state park system

- Passed Senate 49-0
- No advancement in House

House Bills that did not pass

HB 2051 (Walen)- Reducing emissions from small engines

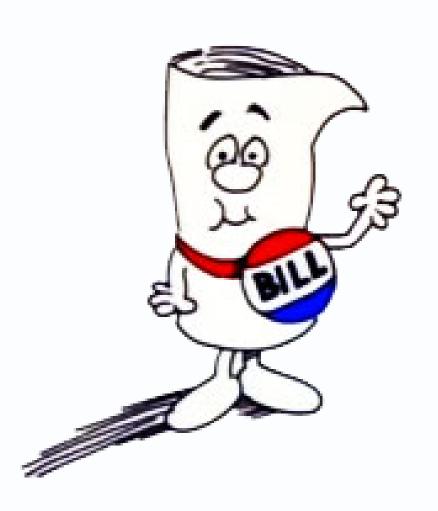
HB 2138 (Rule)- Promoting outdoor learning in state parks

HB 2310 (McEntire) Julia Butler Hansen State Park Heritage Center

HB 2394 (Duerr) SEPA Exemption for rail banked trails

HB 2400- (Orcutt) Adopt-a-Waterway Program

HB 2445 (Ryu)- Leasing authority of Parks and Recreation Commission



Senate Bills that did not pass

SB 5818 (Van De Wege)- Exemption to Seashore Conservation Act for a qualified infrastructure project

SB 5831 (Hawkins) Permanent Registration for Vintage Snowmobiles

SB 6010 (Shewmake)- SEPA exemption for development or extension of trails

SB 6262 (J. Wilson) Julia Butler Hansen State Park Heritage Center

Public Caucus Meetings

Heritage Caucus

Senator Warnick and Representative Tharinger

Bill Tracker discussion Interpretive Program Presentation

Outdoor Recreation Caucus

Representative Barkis Representative Ryu Senator Muzzall Senator Nobles

Bill Tracker and presentations



Interim Planning

Rep. Abbarno HB 1004 (Willapa Hills Trail site visit)

10th Legislative District- Cama Beach and Deception Pass State Parks

9th Legislative District- Lyons Ferry, Palouse Falls, Palouse to Cascades Trail, Malden Trailhead

America 250 Commemoration

No Child Left Inside Program



Commission Request Legislation-2025

April Commission meeting- Discussion of ideas and process

July Commission meeting- Commission adoption of ideas to work on with legislators and delegation to Director and Legislative Committee to work with Governor's Office and OFM

Potential Topics:

- Reinvesting account revenue
- Commission composition
- Leasing authority (St. Edward State Park)
- Snowmobile registration adjustment
- Fireworks on the SCA
- SCA Jurisdiction clarification





1 Day until Sine Die...

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