



ITEM E-4: Legislative Update and Planning for 2025 Session

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Agency Request Legislation

State agencies can bring forward request legislation each legislative session.

- Commission provides policy direction in July
- Governor's Office/OFM work with state agencies to achieve shared policy objectives
- Stakeholder work and tracking support of proposals are required throughout the process
- Request Legislation will include "By request of the State Parks and Recreation Commission" in the title
- Short legislative session beginning January 2024 (60 days)
- Draft legislation and supporting documentation due September 13



RCW 79A.05

Parks and Recreation Commission is granted broad authority-

- Have the care, charge, control, and supervision of all parks and parkways
- Administrative rulemaking powers
- Charge fees for services, utilities, and use of facilities
- Grant concessions or leases
- Purchase or dispose of park properties
- Accept grants, gifts, bequests, and endowments
- Employ the Director of State Parks



2024 Request Legislation

SHB 1997 (Ryu)- Composition of Parks Commission

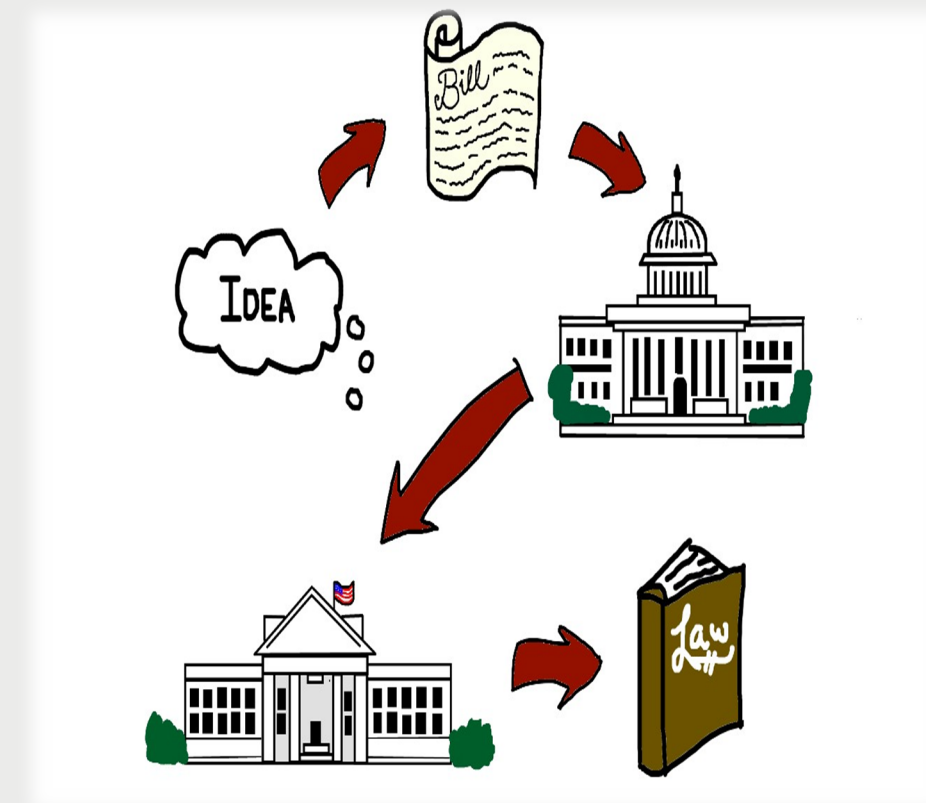
Passed the House 95-2-1

- 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



Other Potential Options

- 1) HB 2445 (Ryu) Leasing Authority of the Commission
- 2) HB 2138 (Rule) Promoting outdoor learning in state parks
- 3) Review of Snowmobile Registration fees and inflation in service costs
- 4) Discover Pass inflationary increase
- 5) Seashore Conservation Area jurisdiction clarification

Keep in mind legislators will have ideas of their own we'll need to respond to...



Next Steps...

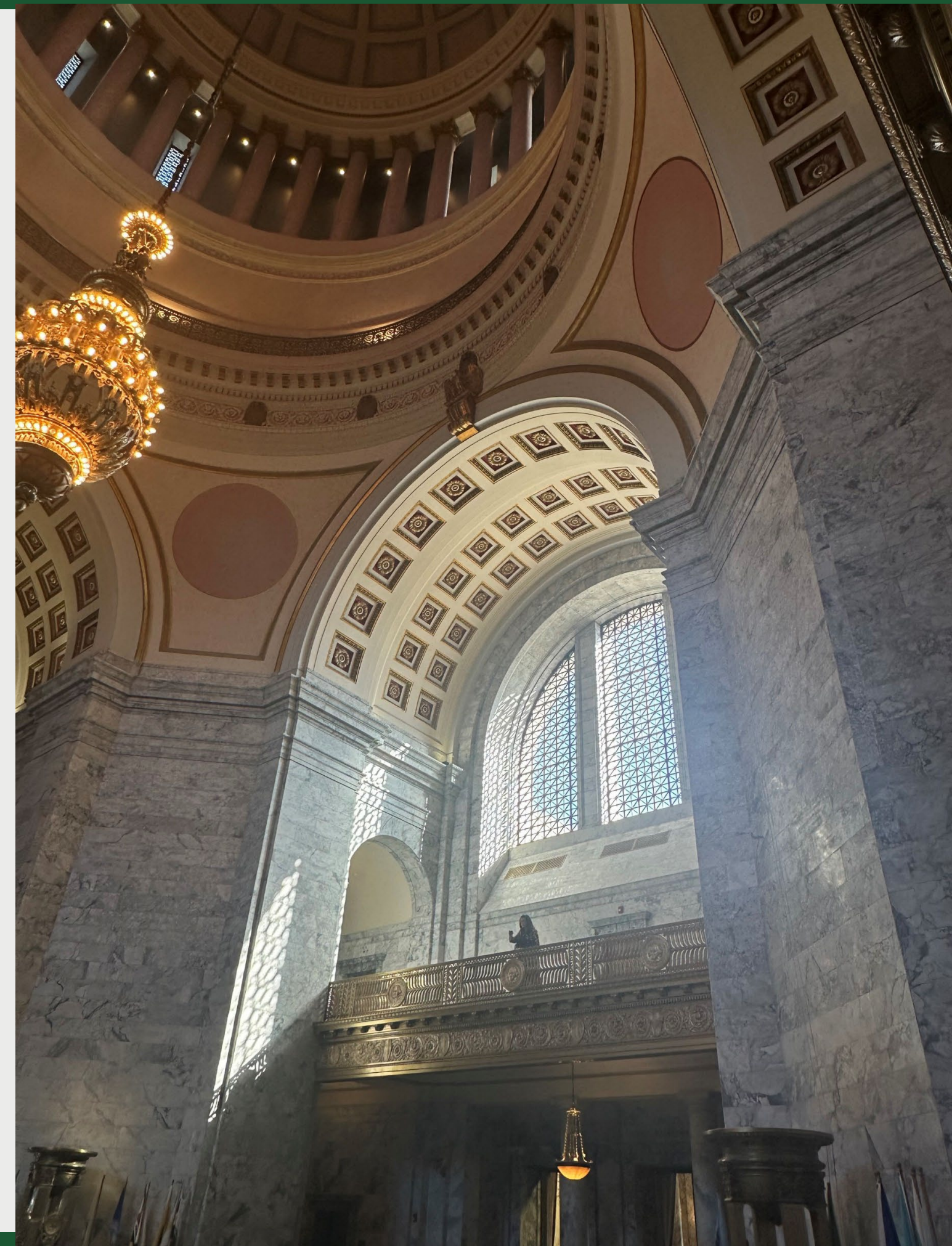
Continue to develop ideas based on feedback from Commission, State Parks' staff, and stakeholders

Evaluation of ideas with Director and Legislative Committee

Requested Action during July Commission meeting

- Direction from the Commission
- Delegation to Director and Legislative Committee

Work with stakeholders and Governor's Office to submit by mid-September





Thank you

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