

**WEEK 9 REPORT ON 2021 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE & WEEK 10 HEARINGS LIST**  
**For WRPA President, Executive Board, Executive Director, Legislative Committee**

*Doug Levy – 3/15/2021*

A major cutoff deadline – passed. A pivotal revenue forecast update – drawing closer. A federal bill providing major budget relief to Washington State – done. A further reopening of Washington State’s economy and core institutions – coming soon. That sounds some of the key notes for Week 9.

The major cutoff was last Tuesday’s deadline for Senate bills to move off the Senate Floor and for House bills to move off the House Floor. Those that cleared the gauntlet now make their way to the “opposite chamber” for hearings and deliberation over the next two weeks. Those that did not are likely “dead” for the 2021 Session unless they are linked to budgets or can be amended onto still-alive bills. We are told the Senate and House ended up passing about 200 bills apiece off the Floor.

While our attention has been hyper-focused on bills, the Operating, Capital, and Transportation budgets will move closer to the spotlight after the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council presents an update this coming Wednesday morning. We are told that for Operating Budget purposes, the Legislature is likely to have some \$600 million in additional revenue to work with – if not more.

The Legislature’s budget-balancing work got decidedly easier last Wednesday, when the U.S. House approved along party-lines the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (H.R. 1319). The rescue plan will provide Washington State with an infusion of \$4.25 billion in COVID-19 relief funds – and the figure for all units of government tops \$7 billion (*including \$1.4 billion for counties and \$1.1 billion for cities*). This is direct relief against COVID-19 revenue losses for cities and counties – but it is worth noting that H.R. 1319 allows these funds to be provided to other units of government. Metropolitan Park Districts (MPDs) and Park Districts should look to book early conversations with your cities and counties to discuss your own budget issues and needs.

Even with the new dollars, all indicators point to the 2021 Legislature passing a new capital gains tax as a way of trying to re-jigger the state’s tax system. The majority Democrat view on **ESSB 5096** is that the highest-income earners should pay their fair share. Republicans voting against it cast the measure as a facsimile of an income tax that will be almost immediately challenged in court. The debate will play out further during a Monday morning hearing in the House Finance Committee.

Finally, a major note about the Governor’s announcements – namely those that begin reopening more of the economy with a “Phase 3” date of March 22 and more of the public school system as of March 29. The March 22 onset of Phase 3 is great news for local parks and recreation – especially with regard to outdoor activities and events, tournaments, swim facilities, and more. Please note that Jon Snyder of the Governor’s Office is strongly encouraging us this week to contact him if we can point to activities and events that we are confident can be safely reopened.

As for WRPA, we had a good week. Hearings were scheduled on two key bills we are working on, and positive feedback came our way on our \$200,000 Capital Budget request for a statewide multi-modal trails database. One bit of uncertainty is that a priority “Parks Rx” bill has yet to be scheduled for a hearing in the House.

Below is an overview of where we stand on WRPA’s 2021 Legislative Agenda priorities. I also have provided my usual rundown of other bills impacting local parks and recreation and/or outdoor recreation. There is also a Week 10 hearings list – note that I am prepared to **testify in support** of two of our bills.

## Top Priorities

### **\*Provide Local Parks and Recreation Agencies with new Funding Options to Address Vital M&O and Preservation Needs which only became more challenging under COVID-19 – SB 5006/HB 1025**

*(Policy/Fiscal Bill)* I met last Thursday with House Finance Chair Noel Frame (D-Seattle/36<sup>th</sup> Dist.) to see if there is any chance that these bills can be kept alive as “Necessary to Implement the Budget.” The answer is almost surely not – though Rep. Frame is bullish on working with us in the 2022 Session given the likely passage of Capital Gains and Working Families Tax Credit legislation. As I previously reported, **HB 1025/SB 5006** got caught up in a larger philosophical debate over the state’s need for more “progressive” revenues vs. advancing bills (ours and several others) with a sales tax funding tool considered “regressive.”

### **\*Actively participate in efforts to replace and recover lost revenue for parks and recreation agencies – while protecting existing resources**

*(Operating Budget)* Two tracks of potential relief funding have emerged – but while one is a sure thing, the other is more of a ‘hail mary.’ The sure thing is the H.R. 1319, American Rescue Plan measure I referred to in the introduction of my Weekly Report. City- and county-run parks agencies who receive this report should be in the know on how much they receive in one-time funding, which must be expended within two years and can be used for COVID-19-related revenue losses. If you do not know what the funding allocation is for your city and county – give me a shout and I can help. The ‘hail mary’ is **HB 1362**, legislation that would revise the current 1 percent annual limit for property taxes, instead giving cities and counties and other taxing districts the option of increasing the limit based on CPI-index inflation and the percentage growth in their population. *A hearing is scheduled on this bill for Thursday morning and we may wish to testify with strong WRPA support – even though this is in all likelihood a ‘courtesy hearing’ vs. a real opportunity to move 1362.*

### **\*Actively promote a 2021-2023 Capital Budget with robust funding levels for key grant programs that significantly benefit parks and recreation and the Great Outdoors**

*(Capital Budget)* As I have been reporting, look for a late-March unveiling of the Legislature’s proposed 2021-23 budgets. We are being told, for example, that the Senate’s Capital Budget is going to come out around March 25. We appreciate the \$100 million, \$11.2+ million, and \$9.1 million allocations in the Governor’s Budget, which funds virtually all the YAF and ALEA lists. We join the WWRC in asking for consideration of a \$140 million investment in WWRP. On YAF, we have encouraged budget writers to think about a full \$11.3 million allocation (*the \$11.2 million+ in the Governor’s budget leaves two alternates at the bottom of the list*).

### **\*Protecting Property Tax-Based Parks Districts and MPDs from “Pro-Rationing” – HB 1034**

*(Policy Bill)* I will join Executive Director Elaine Ott-Rocheford and others from Vashon Parks District today at 4 p.m. in the Senate Ways & Means Committee, with *support* testimony on **HB 1034** prime-sponsored by Rep. Joe Fitzgibbon (D-Burien/34<sup>th</sup> Dist.). This bill would prevent ‘pro-rationing’ of the Vashon Parks District – and other Park Districts -- by removing their property tax allocation from the \$5.90 limit and shifting it to a 50-cent ‘gap’ portion of property tax. MPDs are already in that 50-cent gap, just ahead of where Parks and Recreation Districts are placed under **HB 1034**. I am testifying primarily to reassure Ways & Means Committee Members that **HB 1034** does *not* place Parks Districts ahead of Fire/EMS providers in the 50-cent gap ‘line’ – something that was presented as a possible consequence when the bill was passing off the House Floor. The Washington Fire Chiefs Association has assured us they are neutral on **HB 1034**.

### **\*Protect Funding for Dedicated Accounts within the Capital Budget**

*(Capital Budget)* No news here – and that’s good news. The Governor’s proposed 2021-23 Capital Budget does a good job of maintaining and funding dedicated outdoor recreation accounts. Also, the Governor’s office,

Office of Financial Management (OFM), and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) came to agreement with NOVA advocates regarding a Section 961 provision of the *Operating Budget* that impacts NOVA monies.

**\*Advocate for Key “Healthy & Active Communities” Funding within the State Budget Process**

*(Capital, Transportation, Operating Budgets)* Under WRPA’s “healthy and active communities” initiative, we work to support several funding allocations. Note that: The Governor’s Operating Budget (**SB 5092/HB 1094**) provides an additional \$500,000 to the No Child Left Inside program run by State Parks; b) efforts to add funds for “Foundational Public Health” are in two policy bills; and c) additional multi-modal and “Complete Streets” funding is in Transportation new-revenue packages proposed in both the Senate and House. Here is our tracking list, which I will update when budgets roll out later this month:

- *Public Health District funding -- Operating Budget;*
- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant, Safe Routes to Schools, “Complete Streets” and fuel-tax-distribution funding in the Transportation Budget;*
- *“No Child Left Inside” within the Operating Budget;*
- *‘Target Zero’ programs run by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission;*
- *Dedicated accounts and grant programs in the Capital Budget such as WWRP, YAF, ALEA, NOVA, BFP.*

**\*Support Legislation Promoting Parks and Wellness Connections with Public Health – SSB 5292**

*(Policy Bill)* Please see the “Action Alert” I am sending with this report – we need your help to e-mail House Health Care & Wellness Committee Members and urge them to schedule a hearing on this bill, which cleared the Senate 46-3. Our prime sponsor, Sen. T’wina Nobles (D-University Place/28<sup>th</sup> Dist.), is working on either moving the bill or ensuring an Operating Budget proviso to achieve the same thing. **5292** seeks to parallel the wellness program and health insurance incentives used by the private sector – through the prescribed use of public parks, spaces, trails, and facilities. The bill does not mandate what a Parks Rx program should include. It establishes a Task Force where representatives of local parks, public and community health, health care providers, and health insurers can collaborate on the design of three pilot projects around the state.

**Support/Oppose Items**

**\*Efforts to Address Mental Health, Homelessness, Affordable Housing**

*(Policy Bills, Budgetary Items)* Our Legislative Agenda notes that WRPA will support efforts led by cities and counties, the Low-Income Housing Alliance, and others, to ensure the Legislature continues to provide funding and tools for local governments to address growing mental health, homelessness, and affordable housing crises in their communities. Here is an update on several of them:

- **ESHB 1070, modifying allowable uses of ‘1590’ sales tax revenue for affordable housing and related services:** This bill is scheduled for a Tuesday morning vote in the Senate Housing & Local Government Committee. A major thrust of the bill, promoted by King County, is to allow for HB 1590 funds to be explicitly used for the acquisition of properties to be used for affordable housing and homelessness. The bill also better defines the eligibility of homeless individuals for 1590 funds.
- **E2SHB 1220, supporting emergency shelters and housing through local planning and development regulations:** This legislation is due for a hearing on Thursday morning in the Senate Housing & Local Government Committee. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and numerous individual cities have angst with Section 3-4 pre-emption provisions in the bill.
- **SHB 1277, establishing a \$100 surcharge on Document Recording Fees (DRF) to address affordable housing and emergency rent relief:** This bill is tied to the House’s budget and thus alive and well. It is to be heard Monday afternoon in House Appropriations and is due for a Committee vote a few days later.
- **2SBH 1477, establishing and financing a “988” crisis and mental health response line:** This bill by Rep. Tina Orwall (D-Des Moines/33<sup>rd</sup> Dist.) is scheduled for a Senate hearing this Friday.

- **ESSB 5235, regarding Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) 'owner-occupancy' requirements:** This bill had a hearing last Wednesday in House Local Government. It has strict limits on "owner-occupancy" requirements in local ADU ordinances. Several cities that wish to retain such requirements on working with House Local Government Members on a Committee Amendment.
- **E2SSB 5287, making changes to the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) program for multi-family housing projects:** This legislation will be heard Tuesday afternoon in the House Finance Committee. The compromise version of **5287**, worked out among several parties, preserves an 8-year property tax exemption program that many cities have used to bring new market-rate multi-family housing into city centers. It also, at least temporarily, opens the MFTE program to all cities. The compromise also creates a new 20-year exemption program for permanently affordable housing projects and authorizes cities to offer a second 12-year exemption program to projects that are in either the 8-year or 12-year program.
- **SSB 5428, exempting transitional housing and temporary shelters from SEPA:** This City of Seattle-promoted bill "died" on the Senate Floor Calendar and likely will not be further debated this Session. Seattle had worked with others on an amendment to apply the bill only to local governments that had declared a homelessness emergency.

#### **\*"Big Tent" Outdoor Recreation Coalition**

*(Budgetary, Policy Items)* This Thursday at 6 p.m. is the night for the (virtual) Big Tent legislative reception on March 18. Those who wish to attend can still do so – registration here:

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

#### **\*Statewide Trail Plan – Multi-Modal Trails Database**

*(Capital Budget)* We received some good news last week on our \$200,000 Capital Budget request for establishing and maintaining a statewide multi-modal trails database. One of our House sponsors, Rep. Sharon Shewmake (D-Bellingham/40<sup>th</sup> Dist.) heard from Caucus staff that the request appears to be in good shape. Yahoo! We thank Sens. Judy Warnick (R-Moses Lake/13<sup>th</sup> Dist.) and Liz Lovelett (D-Anacortes/40<sup>th</sup> Dist.) and Reps. Shewmake (D-Bellingham/42<sup>nd</sup> Dist.), Alex Ramel (D-Bellingham/40<sup>th</sup> Dist.), and Marcus Riccelli (D-Spokane/3<sup>rd</sup> Dist.) for submitting this one. We have had support on this effort as well from Washington Bikes, Washington State Trails Coalition, Washington Trails Association, the Trust for Public Land, Leafline Coalition, Palouse to Cascades Trail Coalition, ForEvergreen Trails, and the Thurston Regional Planning Council.

Other Bills WRPA is Tracking (Bills/Items Newly Added are in **Yellow**)

*(NOTE: If you have bills you think we should add, or questions on particular bills impacting local parks and recreation, e-mail me: [Doug@outcomesbylevy.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:Doug@outcomesbylevy.onmicrosoft.com))*

- **Transportation new-revenue packages in the House and Senate – No bill numbers yet:** We continue to await bills and more formal packages for a 2021 revenue package. Please refer back to prior Weekly Reports for a rundown of what's in the House and Senate proposals unveiled to date.
- **SB 5016, all-terrain vehicles:** This bill by Sen. Judy Warnick (R-Moses Lake/13<sup>th</sup> Dist.) will get a House Transportation Committee hearing today after passing unanimously out of the Senate. It allows a wheeled all-terrain vehicle (WATV) to also be registered and used as a snowmobile-like vehicle defined as a tracked all-terrain vehicle.
- **E2SSB 5052, creation of "health equity zones":** The WRPA *supports* this legislation sponsored by Sen. Karen Keiser (D-Des Moines/33<sup>rd</sup> Dist.). **5052** is due for a hearing today and a Committee vote Wednesday in House Health Care & Wellness. The revised bill allows communities to self-identify health equity zones, require funding to be in place before the zones are developed, and add tribal communities as partners for those establishing the zones.
- **SB 5056, wilderness therapy programs:** Sen. Jesse Salomon (D-Shoreline/32<sup>nd</sup> Dist.) prime-sponsored this one, which has "died" for the 2021 Session. It required the Department of Health to

create a business license for “wilderness therapy” programs, established parameters for what constitutes such a program, and directed a rulemaking to be completed by Dec. 31, 2022.

- **SB 5063, Concerning the expiration date of the invasive species council:** This bill extends by 10 years the life of the Washington State Invasive Species Council -- from June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2032. The Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) request bill will be heard Wednesday in the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee after unanimously passing out of the Senate.
- **SB 5107, addressing homelessness:** This bill ‘died’ in committee without a vote. **5107** required every city with a population of 50,000 or more to have at least one emergency shelter and added penalties for unauthorized camping on public property.
- **SB 5110, HB 1440, streamlining permitting for wireless telecommunications facilities:** These bills attracted adamant local government opposition and ‘died’ in committee. **5110** never moved after a Jan. 21 hearing; **1440** never received a public hearing.
- **SB 5149/HB 1201, Funding Foundational Public Health Services:** The Senate bill remains in the Ways & Means Committee and could still be “NTIB.” This bill would impose a \$3.25/month assessment on health insurance carriers for all “covered lives.” It directs that \$143 million from the assessment be used for foundational public health in 2024 and \$200 million in 2025. As I have reported, while we *support 5149*, it faces strong opposition.
- **SB 5159, Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes (PILT) by the Department of Fish and Wildlife:** This bill will be heard Wednesday in the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee. Sen. Warnick is the sponsor of this year’s version of the PILT bill. It directs the state treasurer, on behalf of WDFW, to distribute PILT to counties by April 30 of each year.
- **SB 5176, HB 1018 – Boating safety:** These bills are “dead” for the 2021 Session. They would have required human-powered vessel operators to obtain a boater education card (**1018**) or for those operating in saltwater to obtain a certificate (**PSSB 5176**). Both bills were strongly opposed by the paddle craft community, whose members appear to prefer a mandatory Personal Flotation Device (PFD) solution.
- **2SSB 5253, Implementing the recommendations of the pollinator health task force:** This bill is yet another that will be heard Wednesday in the House Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee after passing unanimously out of the Senate. WRPA is neutral on this bill. **5253** would impact the way local parks and recreation officials apply pesticides within parks properties. Some of you are concerned that this bill is an unfunded mandate. Others have shared support for the bill and still others are in monitoring mode.
- **SSB 5332, clarifying equipment requirements for wheeled all-terrain vehicles (WATVs):** This bill prime-sponsored by Sen. Mike Padden (R-Spokane Valley/4<sup>th</sup> Dist.) passed out of the Senate unanimously last Tuesday and will be heard this coming Tuesday in House Transportation. It clarifies the equipment requirements for WATVs both for public road usage and off-road usage.
- **SB 5371, funding public health services through a statewide sweetened beverage tax:** This bill is ‘dead’ for the 2021 Session. **5371** would have imposed a tax of \$0.0175 per fluid ounce.
- **ESSB 5452, concerning electric-assisted bicycles:** This legislation is up for a hearing Tuesday in the House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Committee. It directs the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to undergo a public process to collect information on e-bike use on natural surface trails and roads that are limited to non-motorized use. The idea is to determine where e-bike operation may occur, and which classes of e-bikes are acceptable on such trails and roads. The two agencies are to report their findings to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 2022.
- **HB 1039, reporting on, updating, and expanding deployment of existing government programs that provide education on bicycle and pedestrian travel:** Sec. 5(2) of this bill had been of particular concern to local governments and Washington Bikes, in that it allowed the Safe Routes to Schools program to award funding to more school districts. **1039** has ‘died’ for the Session.
- **SHB 1057, clean air enjoyment:** This bill never cleared the House Rules Committee and thus it is almost surely “dead” for the 2021 Session. The legislation would have modified Clean Air Act definitions of “air pollutant” and added the term “enjoyment of life and property” to allow individuals

going to a public park, public recreational facility, or trail to register complaints with regional clean air agencies regarding properties that emit significant odors. WRPA was neutral on **1057**.

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- **SHB 1059, fireworks prohibitions:** This legislation got stuck in House Rules and thus is likely “dead” for the 2021 Session. It would have allowed fireworks bans to take effect immediately when doing so was necessitated by environmental conditions and other burning prohibitions were in place.
- **E2SHB 1099, adding a 14<sup>th</sup> climate change goal to the Growth Management Act statutory list of goals:** This bill will be heard Tuesday morning in Senate Housing & Local Government. Section 15 of the legislation includes a “null and void” clause, meaning it would not go into effect if the Legislature’s budget does not include specific funding for implementing the provisions of **1099**. We now *support* this bill after a “Striking Amendment” on the House Floor included language to explicitly recognize trails in an “active transportation facilities” definition in state statute. Language here: *“Facilities provided for the safety and mobility of active transportation users, including but not limited to trails as defined in RCW 47.30.005, sidewalks, bike lanes, shared-use paths, and other facilities in the public right-of-way.”*
- **E2SHB 1117, integrating salmon recovery and ecological “net gain” requirements into GMA comprehensive planning:** This bill also is to receive a Senate Housing & Local Government Committee hearing on Tuesday. Like **1099** above, it passed off the House Floor on a party-line vote. It, too, has a null-and-void clause, in Section 11.
- **2SHB 1213/E2SHB 5237, expanding childcare and early learning opportunities for kids:** Both these bills are on the move. **1213** passed out of the House last Tuesday by a 58-38 vote. **5237** cleared the Senate and is due for a Thursday hearing in the House Children, Youth & Families Committee. We *support* these companion bills.
- **E2SHB 1216, concerning urban and community forestry:** This bill had a smooth-sailing passage through the House and is scheduled for a Tuesday hearing and Thursday Committee vote in Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks. It is a largely technical bill that changes the name of the Community and Urban Forestry Program administered by the Department of Natural Resources, along with directing DNR to conduct analyses of the needs and opportunities related to urban forestry in Washington. I learned that some urban foresters in local parks agencies do *not* like a House Floor Amendment that allows an owner of private property to opt out of a urban and community forestry program.
- **EHB 1251, wheeled ATVs on state highways:** Rep. Ed Orcutt (R-Kalama/20<sup>th</sup> Dist.) is sponsoring this bill, which easily cleared the House and is up for a Tuesday hearing in Senate Transportation. **1251** expands the locations where a person may potentially operate a wheeled all-terrain vehicle on state highways to unincorporated areas with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less. It also makes the operation of a wheeled all-terrain vehicle on unincorporated stretches of state highways contingent upon the passage of an ordinance approving their operation.
- **SHB 1322, off-road vehicle enforcement:** Rep. Sharon Wylie (D-Vancouver/49<sup>th</sup> Dist.), a vice-chair of the House Transportation Committee, is prime-sponsoring this legislation to better enforce state licensing requirements on off-road vehicles brought in from Oregon. **1322** passed unanimously off the House Floor and is up for a Tuesday hearing in Senate Transportation.
- **SHB 1330, electric bicycles/sales tax:** Rep. Sharon Shewmake (D-Bellingham/42<sup>nd</sup> Dist.), is the sponsor of **1330**, which passed off the House Floor last Tuesday on a 57-39 vote. It would provide a sales tax exemption on purchases of new electric bikes and up to \$200 in related cycling equipment.
- **SHB 1331, concerning early learning facility impact fees:** Having already cleared the House, this bill had a positive hearing last Thursday in the Senate Housing & Local Government Committee. The bill authorizes cities to reduce or waive impact fees for early learning centers. We also worked with prime sponsor Kirsten Harris-Talley (D-Seattle/37<sup>th</sup> Dist.) on amendment language to help ensure early learning centers would not be assessed disproportionately higher impact fees than comparable (*in terms of trips generated*) commercial or retail facilities.
- **HB 1362, Adjusting the Annual 1 percent Property Tax Limit:** This one gets a listing because it is now scheduled for a House Finance hearing later in the week. See my write-up under our “efforts to replace and recover lost revenue” priority.

- **SHB 1431, encouraging youth participation in fishing and shellfishing:** This bill by newly elected Rep. Alicia Rule (D-Bellingham/42<sup>nd</sup> Dist.) is “dead” as a stand-alone measure and would need to be funded in the Operating Budget to have any chance.
  - **HB 1435, authorizing local authorities to implement bicycle tour permits:** This bill sponsored by Rep. Joel Kretz (R-Wauconda/7<sup>th</sup> Dist.) has ‘died’ for this Session. It would have enabled a rural county to adopt an ordinance requiring a bicycle tour permit for use of public roads, trails, and paths within the county by groups of six or more bicyclists that are not family members.
  - **HB 1466, promoting access to outdoor education:** This bill by Rep. Rule (D-Bellingham/42<sup>nd</sup> Dist.) would direct the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to establish a pilot project for outdoor, nature-based education programs in public schools. The pilot project would have to begin in the 2021-22 school year. **1466** is “dead” as a stand-alone bill – we will wait to see if it gets into the Operating Budget.
  - **HB 1523, concerning renewal of the sales and use tax for Transportation Benefit Districts (TBDS):** This bill moved to the House Floor Calendar a week before the cutoff deadline, but never came up for a vote and may be “dead” for the Session. It would have allowed cities and counties that enacted Transportation Benefit District (TBD) sales taxes to renew them every 10 years with voter approval.
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**ACTION ALERT!!:** Substitute Senate Bill 5292 – “Parks Rx” bill

We need your help. SSB 5292, known as the “Parks Rx” bill, passed the Senate 46-3 and is before the House Health Care & Wellness Committee – but it has not yet been scheduled for a public hearing.

This bipartisan-backed legislation is designed to capitalize on the health value of outdoor recreation by having the Department of Health work with a broad array of stakeholders to design three pilot programs around the state where the use of public parks trails, space, and facilities can be “prescribed” as a way to achieve wellness and preventative health outcomes, particularly for communities of color that are disproportionately impacted by health disparities.

This legislation doesn’t try to prematurely mandate an outcome – rather it allocates a modest amount of funding to put the right people around the table to design three pilot programs over the next year+ while engaging in robust public outreach. Local parks and recreation agencies, public health agencies, cities, chiropractors, the “Silver Sneakers,” outdoor organizations, the Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition, and many others strongly support SSB 5292.

Please take a moment today to contact the Chair, Vice-Chair, and all members of the House Health Care Committee to respectfully urge that they hold a public hearing on SSB 5292 and keep this bill moving forward. A list of Committee Members and phone numbers/e-mails for all House Members can be found below. Thank you for your immediate attention to this!

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