

1 (2) \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal  
2 year 2016 and \$100,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for  
3 fiscal year 2017 are provided solely for the commission to pay  
4 assessments charged by local improvement districts.

5 (3) \$250,000 of the recreation access pass account—state  
6 appropriation is provided solely for the commission, using its  
7 authority under RCW 79A.05.055(3) and in partnership with the  
8 department of fish and wildlife and the department of natural  
9 resources, to coordinate a process to develop options and  
10 recommendations to improve consistency, equity, and simplicity in  
11 recreational access fee systems while accounting for the fiscal  
12 health and stability of public land management. The process must be  
13 collaborative and include other relevant agencies and appropriate  
14 stakeholders. The commission must contract with the William D.  
15 Ruckelshaus Center or another neutral third party to facilitate  
16 meetings and discussions with parties involved in the process and  
17 provide a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature by  
18 December 1, 2017. The process must analyze and make recommendations  
19 on:

20 (a) Opportunities for federal and state recreational permit fee  
21 coordination, including the potential for developing a system that  
22 allows a single pass to provide access to federal and state lands;

23 (b) Opportunities to enhance consistency in the way state and  
24 federal recreational access fees apply to various types of  
25 recreational users, including those that travel to public lands by  
26 motor vehicle, boat, bicycle, foot, or another method; and

27 (c) Opportunities to develop a comprehensive and consistent  
28 statewide approach to recreational fee discounts and exemptions to  
29 social and other groups including, but not limited to, disabled  
30 persons, seniors, disabled veterans, foster families, low-income  
31 residents, and volunteers. This analysis must examine the cost of  
32 such a program, and should consider how recreational fee discounts  
33 fit into the broader set of benefits provided by the state to these  
34 social groups. This includes a review of the efficacy, purpose, and  
35 cost of existing recreational fee discounts and exemptions, as well  
36 as opportunities for new or modified social group discounts and  
37 exemptions. The department of veterans affairs and the department of  
38 social and health services must be included in this portion of the  
39 process.