

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 1317

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Synopsis as Enacted

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**Brief Description:** Authorizing the state parks and recreation commission to enter into cooperative agreements with private nonprofit corporations with regard to state park property and facilities.

By Representatives Pruitt, Ballard, Morton, Sheldon, Jones, Wolfe, Schoesler, R. Johnson, Kessler, Johanson and Chandler.

House Committee on Natural Resources & Parks

Senate Committee on Ecology & Parks

**Background:** The State Parks and Recreation Commission may allow private nonprofit groups to use state park property and facilities to raise money for state parks. If available, agency personnel and services may be used in the fund-raising effort. Current law states that any moneys raised must be used solely for park purposes; none of the funds may go to the nonprofit group except in its status as a public user of park facilities. This has been interpreted to mean that private nonprofit groups may not recover any expenses related to their fund-raising efforts on behalf of state parks.

**Summary:** The State Parks and Recreation Commission may enter into cooperative agreements with private nonprofit groups as well as allow for the use of state park property and facilities for the purpose of raising money for state parks. The requirement that the money raised be used solely for park purposes is removed. Instead, none of the money raised by a nonprofit group may benefit the group except in furtherance of its purposes to support state parks.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	97	0
Senate	44	0

**Effective:** July 25, 1993