

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1317

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON ECOLOGY & PARKS, MARCH 24, 1993

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.

SPONSORS: 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

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Fraser, Chairman; Barr, Deccio, McCaslin, Moore, Sutherland, and Talmadge.

Staff: Cathy Baker (786-7708)

Hearing Dates: March 24, 1993

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 recoup any of their fund-raiser expenditures.

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 the commission is removed. None of the money raised by a nonprofit group may benefit the group except in furtherance of its purposes to support state parks.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

TESTIMONY FOR:

Volunteer fundraising efforts for state parks are important, especially during times of tight resources and budget cuts. There are many nonprofit groups that are willing to help raise funds for state parks, but they need to be able to recover expenses incurred in the course of fundraising activities.

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: Cleve Pinnix, State Parks and Recreation Commission
(pro)