

HOUSE BILL ANALYSIS

HB 2459

Title: An act relating to the continuing operation of the winter recreation advisory committee.

Brief Description: Extending the tenure of the winter recreation advisory committee.

Sponsors: Representatives Regala, Parlette and Lantz; by request of Parks and Recreation Commission.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Meeting Date: January 26, 2000.

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Background: The Winter Recreation Advisory Committee was created in 1975. The 12-member committee advises the Parks and Recreation Committee in the administration and development of non-motorized winter recreation facilities and programs. For example, the commission must consult the committee in setting the fee for winter recreational area parking permits (Sno Park permits). Six of the Winter Recreation Advisory Committee members represent non-snowmobiling interests from across the state, three represent snowmobilers, two represent the Departments of Fish and Wildlife and Natural Resources, and one represents the association of counties. According to statute, the committee is terminated on June 30, 2001.

Summary of Bill: The provision which would have terminated the committee June 30, 2001, is eliminated, allowing the committee to continue indefinitely. Statutory language is made gender neutral. Statutory references that have been recodified are corrected.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Rulemaking Authority: None.