SENATE BILL REPORT
SB 5023

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As of January 17, 2001

Title: An act relating to state parks and recreation operations.

Brief Description: Requiring a biennial summary report of all state parks and recreation operations.

Sponsors: Senators Jacobsen and Oke.

Brief History:
Committee Activity: Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines: 1/25/01.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKS & SHORELINES

Staff: David Johnson (786-7754)

Background: The Parks and Recreation Commission oversees a system of 125 developed state parks, more than 232,000 acres of parkland, and accommodates more that 50 million visitors a year. State parks facilities include campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, interpretive centers, environmental learning centers, moorage for boaters, and many other facilities and activities.

It is felt that a comprehensive report would assist policymakers and the public in meeting the needs and demands of the parks system.

Summary of Bill: A biennial report of parks operations is produced and distributed to the Legislature and the public. The report includes information relating to parks' operations, needs, expenses, revenue, projects, and issues. Park utilization, trends, and demands are also detailed. The report is made available to the Legislature and the public.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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