

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5177

As of January 29, 2003

Title: An act relating to creating the corps of discovery pass for Lewis and Clark parks.

Brief Description: Creating the corps of discovery pass.

Sponsors: Senators Sheahan, Jacobsen, Swecker, Hewitt, Honeyford, Oke, Hale, Esser, Schmidt and B. Sheldon.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Parks, Fish & Wildlife: 2/3/03.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PARKS, FISH & WILDLIFE

Staff: Kari Guy (786-7437)

Background: In response to budget reductions in the 2002 supplemental operating budget, the State Parks and Recreation Commission canceled leases to certain parks owned by the Army Corps of Engineers and operated by State Parks under lease agreements. Four parks located along the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, including Chief Timothy, Lyons Ferry, Central Ferry and Crow Butte State Parks, were recently closed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The State Parks and Outdoor Recreation Funding Task Force developed several recommendations for the Legislature's consideration, including a legislative proposal to develop a Corps of Discovery Pass for parks located along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Summary of Bill: The State Parks and Recreation Commission may develop a Corps of Discovery Pass visitors may purchase in lieu of parking fees charged at designated sites along the Lewis and Clark Trail. The commission may seek private assistance with marketing and merchandising of the pass. Proceeds from the pass must be deposited in the State Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account and be used for operation and maintenance of state parks located along the Lewis and Clark Trail.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested January 23, 2003.

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