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Sponsor(s): Senators Oke, Doumit, Swecker, Carlson, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Winsley, Regala, Brown, Prentice, Fairley, Schmidt, Kohl-Welles, Shin and Jacobsen

Brief Description: Providing funding for state parks and outdoor recreation facilities.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares it is the policy of the state to provide a dedicated source of funding for capital improvements and maintenance of state parks and outdoor recreation lands to protect the state's investment in these lands.

Finds that the creation of a single renewable annual recreation parking pass may result in many more people visiting a number of recreation sites within the state because of better maintained facilities and increased awareness of recreation opportunities.

Declares an intent to create an evergreen recreation pass that will be available to serve as a voluntary, renewable annual recreation pass for state-owned recreation sites to provide a visible method to support state outdoor recreation sites.

Finds that these dedicated revenues for state outdoor recreation areas will provide adequate funds to avoid park closures and park vehicle access fees, continuing the tradition of free and open access to state parks for day use.