

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5091

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As of February 1, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to prohibiting the assessment of fees for basic parkland access by the state parks and recreation commission.

**Brief Description:** Prohibiting the assessment of fees for basic parkland access by the state parks and recreation commission.

**Sponsors:** Senators Sheldon, Morton, Benson and Mulliken.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation: 2/2/05.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, OCEAN & RECREATION

**Staff:** Vic Moon (786-7469)

**Background:** The Parks and Recreation Commission established a parking fee for six state parks in 2002 which was expanded to all parks in 2003. The \$5.00 fee brings in about \$4 million dollars a biennium and is used for both operations and for long term maintenance of the system. The fee applies to vehicles and not to other types of methods of park entry.

**Summary of Bill:** The Parks and Recreation Commission is prohibited from charging fees for basic park access.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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