

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
House Appropriations Committee

Concerning measures to enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the state, and, in connection therewith, expanding the division of parks and wildlife's capacity for outdoor recreation coordination, planning, and management.

Prime Sponsors:

Representatives Lukens; Taggart
Senators Marchman; Rich

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Required, Amendment in Packet
Significant Appropriation Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 02/09/26.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

The House Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources Committee Report (02/23/26) includes several amendments to the bill. Legislative Council Staff and JBC Staff agree that these do not change the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

J.001 Staff-prepared appropriation amendment

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause.

Description of Amendments in This Packet

J.001

Staff amendment **J.001** (attached) appropriates a total of \$444,015 from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2026-27. The appropriation reflects 4.1 FTE.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

The bill is projected to require \$1.1 million from the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund in FY 2027-28 and ongoing, and an associated 9.0 FTE. The fund is part of a TABOR-exempt enterprise, and this bill is not projected to impact state TABOR refund amounts.