



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 282

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 630

Senate, March 31, 2008

The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. MEYER of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE STATE FOR STATE PARK OPERATIONAL FUNDING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of fifteen million dollars is
2 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection, from the
3 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, to increase the
4 number of full-time and seasonal staff, as per the Clough, Harbor
5 Associates, LLP 2003 report on Connecticut state parks.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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ENV Joint Favorable Subst.

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$
Department of Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	15,000,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Passage of this bill would appropriate \$15 million from the General Fund in FY 08 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to increase vehicle and equipment budgets and to increase the number of full-time and seasonal staff in state parks.

In FY 08 (using current services as the base), this bill would reduce the anticipated surplus of \$160.4 million projected by the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) on 2/4/08 by \$15 million, and would increase the degree to which the budget is currently over the spending cap (\$690.4 million) because an appropriation is being utilized as the funding source.

In FY 08 (using the Governor’s recommended budget revisions as the base), this bill would reduce the anticipated surplus of \$76.2 million projected by OFA based on the Governor’s recommended revisions by \$15 million, and would increase the degree to which the budget is currently over the spending cap (\$690.4 million) because an appropriation is being utilized as the funding source.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above is uncertain since the bill does not specify that these additional staff would continue working past FY 08.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/12/2008)