



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1061 File No. 557 Cal. No. 314

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF STATE PARKS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than
4 December 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, any person who has a
5 contractual agreement with the Department of Rehabilitation Services
6 for the operation in any state park of any food service facility, vending
7 machine or stand for the vending of goods shall report to the
8 Department of Rehabilitation Services the amount of revenue that such
9 person generated during the calendar year as a result of such contract.
10 Not later than January 1, 2016, and each year thereafter, the
11 Department of Rehabilitation Services shall compile any reports
12 received pursuant to this subsection and transmit such reports to the
13 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

14 (b) On or before January 30, 2016, and each year thereafter, the

15 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall compile
16 the following information: (1) The number of food service facilities,
17 vending machines and stands for the vending of goods that are located
18 in the state parks and the location of the respective parks that have
19 such facilities, machines or stands, (2) the amount of revenues
20 generated from such food service facilities, vending machines and
21 stands for the vending of goods, as reported to the commissioner by
22 the Department of Rehabilitation Services pursuant to subsection (a) of
23 this section, (3) the contractual agreement or provision of law that
24 provides for the payment of any portion of such revenues to the state
25 or that prohibits or limits the payment of such revenues to the state, (4)
26 the amount of such revenues paid to the state in the subject calendar
27 year, and (5) the manner in which such revenues were used by the
28 state, if identifiable by the commissioner.

29 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than August 15, 2015, the
30 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop
31 a request for information concerning the operation of concessions,
32 provision of services and offering of recreational amenities at state
33 parks. Such concessions shall include, but not be limited to, year-round
34 concessions and concessions that engage the use of revenue share
35 formulas between the vendor and the department. Such services shall
36 include, but not be limited to, parking options for park patrons,
37 including, but not limited to, advanced reservation parking and
38 convenience or curbside parking. The purpose of such request for
39 information shall be to seek informational documentation for the
40 operation of such concessions, provision of such services and offering
41 of recreational amenities. Not later than September 15, 2015, such
42 request for information shall be forwarded by the commissioner to the
43 Department of Administrative Services for posting on the State
44 Contracting Portal. Concomitantly, the Commissioner of Energy and
45 Environmental Protection shall direct a copy of such request for
46 information to any private vendor known by the commissioner to
47 provide such operation, provision or offering. Not later than December
48 1, 2015, the commissioner shall forward, to the joint standing

49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 50 relating to the environment, a copy of any informational
 51 documentation received by the commissioner in response to such
 52 request for information and a written assessment and evaluation of
 53 such informational documentation, including, but not limited to, any
 54 recommendation for the offering at state parks of concessions, services
 55 and recreational amenities that are not offered at such state parks as of
 56 the effective date of this section.

57 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than July 31, 2015, the
 58 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall establish
 59 the amount of rent paid by any resident or nonresident of this state for
 60 the use of state park property for any special event of limited duration,
 61 including, but not limited to, weddings and receptions, in an amount
 62 that is based on the number of persons attending such special event.
 63 The amount of any rent charged pursuant to this section shall reflect a
 64 higher fee for any event that will have a greater number of people in
 65 attendance.

66 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Not later than July 31, 2015, the
 67 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall amend
 68 the Adopt A Park program to additionally provide for the recognition
 69 of participants who elect to financially sponsor such park, through
 70 contribution of a charitable donation, by erecting a placard at such
 71 park that bears the name of any such sponsoring individual,
 72 individuals, organization or corporation and the nature of such
 73 financial sponsorship. The commissioner may establish multiple tiers
 74 for such financial sponsorship provided no level of charitable donation
 75 for such financial sponsorship shall be less than two thousand five
 76 hundred dollars."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section