

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 448
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Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that several years ago certain money began to be diverted to the state parks account to address a funding shortfall but that such diversion is no longer necessary. H.B. 448 seeks to address this issue by changing the manner for transferring certain revenue into the account.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 448 amends the Parks and Wildlife Code to replace the requirement that the Parks and Wildlife Department each month transfer 15 percent of all amounts collected during the previous month from vessel registration fees, vessel manufacturer or dealer licensing fees, or vessel and outboard motor titling fees to the state parks account with an authorization to transfer each month an amount not to exceed 15 percent of all amounts collected during the previous month from those sources to the account.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.