

HB 2538 -- STATE PARKS

SPONSOR: Pietzman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill requires that Department of Natural Resources submit a report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019, and annually after that, regarding the maintenance, repair, and construction at State Parks and Historic Sites. The bill must include certain information including the total cost of maintenance; repair and construction projects the prior fiscal year; specific information on projects where costs exceed the state competitive bid minimum; a list of projects for the upcoming year that meet certain criteria; the amount of revenue generated and the operating expenditures for each park and historic site; and the total revenue generated at all parks and historic sites averaged over the past two fiscal years.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the department is working to increase communications regarding the current and future projects at State Parks. The way people are using the State Parks has changed in the last 20 years and the parks are being updated over time to accommodate these different uses.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pietzman; Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and William Farrand.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.