

## Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1361

House of Origin    ☐    Introduced        ☐    Substitute        ☒ Engrossed  
Second House       ☐    In Committee    ☐    Substitute        ☐    Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Reynolds

**3. Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

**4. Title:** State park funds

**5. Summary:** The engrossed bill eliminates the State Park Operated Concessions Fund and transfers money within or credited to the fund to the State Park Conservation Resources Fund.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** The engrossed bill does not have a fiscal impact. See item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No. The transfer of funding from the State Park Operated Concessions Fund to the State Park Conservation Resources Fund may be done administratively this biennium and made part of the department's base budget in the future.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The legislation will merge the State Park Operated Concession Fund into the State Park Conservation Resources Fund. The State Park Operated Concession Fund consists of revenue generated from state park concessions operated by the department, and it may be expended for use in operating concessions. The State Park Conservation Resources Fund is supported by entrance fees, fees from contractor-operated concessions, and civil penalties, and it may be used for conservation, development, maintenance, and operations of state parks.

According to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the circumstances that necessitated separation of funds no longer exists. The department states that having two funds complicates budgeting and accounting. The limited authorized uses of the State Park Operated Concessions Fund prevents the department from using the fund for higher priority needs within the parks.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Conservation and Recreation.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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**cc:** Secretary of Natural Resources