
**Agriculture & Natural Resources
Committee**

HJM 4003

Brief Description: Requesting the abolition of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Sponsors: Representatives Chase, Morris and Hunt.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requests the United States Congress and the President of the United States to abolish the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and that no fees be imposed on federal lands within the State of Washington under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

Hearing Date: 2/19/07

Staff: Jaelyn Ford (786-7339).

Background:

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) was enacted on December 8, 2004 as an appropriations rider on the 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill. The FLREA provides agencies with recreation fee authority for 10 years.

Federal land management agencies must meet certain criteria in order to charge recreation fees. Public involvement and advance notice are required before establishing new recreation fee areas. The local recreation area receives no less than 80 percent of all fees collected at that unit. The balance of the receipts is distributed to the relative agency for general distribution.

Summary of Bill:

The United States Congress and the President of the United States should abolish the FLREA and not require fees to be paid on federal lands within the State of Washington under the FLREA.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

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