

6082-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Parks, Fish & Wildlife (originally sponsored by Senators Parlette, Doumit and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Expanding the criteria for habitat conservation programs.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Provides that, within the outdoor recreation category the statutory allocations for parks, statewide parks, local parks, trails, and water access sites are increased, with a smaller percentage left unallocated. A new category for recreation and stewardship projects by state agencies replaces the unallocated portion of the habitat conservation category.

Requires state agencies receiving WWRP grants to pay an amount in lieu of property taxes and pay an amount for control of noxious weeds. An amount in lieu of property taxes and for weed control must be paid on all Department of Natural Resources natural areas.

Provides that all accounts in the WWRP may retain earnings.

Authorizes the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation to retain up to 3 percent of WWRP funds for administration.