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Sponsor(s): Senators Morton, T. Sheldon and Roach

Brief Description: Opening state parks to the recreational use of metal detectors. Revised for 1st Substitute: Opening developed and disturbed areas of state parks to the recreational use of metal detectors.

**SB 6333 - DIGEST**

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares an intent that those significant historic archaeological resources on state park lands that are of importance to the history of our state, or its communities, be protected for the people of the state.

Recognizes that the recreational use of metal detectors in state parks is a legitimate form of recreation that can be compatible with the protection of significant historic archaeological resources.

Provides that, by September 1, 2005, the commission shall open all developed and common use areas of state parks for the recreational use of metal detectors. Any items discovered of historic archaeological significance must be turned in to the state either through the commission or the office of archaeology and historic preservation within the department of community, trade, and economic development.

Provides that if the commission determines that a park or a portion of a park must be exempted from metal detecting because of its historic archaeological resources, the commission must, by December 1, 2005, submit a brief report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature as to how they and a professional archaeologist made this determination.