

Fiscal Note

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Title: EASEMENTS & RIGHTS OF WAY IN STATE
PARKS
Sponsor: MCCABE
Requester: (H)Community and Regional Affairs

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Parks & Outdoor Recreation
Allocation: Parks Management & Access
OMB Component Number: 3001

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	267.4		267.4	267.4	267.4	267.4	267.4	267.4
Travel	10.0		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Services	30.0		30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Commodities	10.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	317.4	0.0	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	317.4		307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4
Total	317.4	0.0	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4	307.4

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None	***		***	***	***	***	***	***
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 1/1/2028

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Natural Resources		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SSHB 220 amends AS 41.21.024 to require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) to grant easements and rights-of-way within state park units when specified statutory criteria are met. The bill changes current discretionary authority (“may grant”) to mandatory approval (“shall grant”) if the commissioner determines the request:

- Will not unduly affect park resources,
- Is in the public interest, and
- Complies with other applicable law.

The bill establishes a formal application process, requires DNR to approve or deny completed applications within 60 days, and provides for automatic approval if the department fails to act within that timeframe. It limits the department’s ability to impose conditions, restricts duplicative study requirements, and prohibits materially different terms for similarly situated applicants.

The measure also directs DNR to adopt regulations for the use of valid existing section line easements or other recognized rights-of-way within state parks and clarifies standards for environmental review, surveys, and public interest determinations.

Fiscal Impact Considerations:

Implementation will require additional administrative resources to meet the mandatory 60-day review timeline, develop or amend regulations, process increased application volume, and ensure compliance with statutory limitations on permit conditions. Potential revenue impacts could result from permit fee adjustments; however, fee authority remains limited to reasonable cost recovery and park protection purposes.

This is an entirely new program within the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR). DPOR anticipates a significant effort will be required for the development and adoption of regulations, establishment of office, development of forms and applications etc.

DPOR FY2027 Costs: \$317.4

Personal Services \$267.4

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Manager 2, range 20, Anchorage - \$146.8

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Specialist 3, range 18, Anchorage - \$120.6

Travel \$10.0

Services \$30.0

Core Costs by PCN (\$15.0 each annually)

Commodities \$10.0

Initial position setup (\$5.0 each one-time costs)

Changes in Revenue

The Department is authorized to charge an fees for infrastructure within park units. The fee would be determined by regulation. If the program was to be established statewide it would not generate enough revenue for cost recovery.