

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB030-DNR-DPOR-01-31-25
Title: STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED
VETERANS
Sponsor: BJORKMAN
Requester: (S)RES

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)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	300.0		300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(300.0)		(300.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)	(300.0)
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial analysis

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 30 makes certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park campsites and the parking and restrooms of developed facilities without charge. Currently statute provides a free annual camping pass to a disabled veteran (DAV) of the U.S. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) issues these permits that are valid for a 5-year cycle (2023-2027). With 1,750 DAV camping permits issued in 2023 and 671 in 2024, there are 2,421 in distribution for use in the 2023-2027 5-year cycle. On average, a DAV pass is utilized nine nights a year at \$20 a night in DPOR campgrounds. The value of this foregone general fund program receipt (GFPR) is \$436,000 that is not collected for management and operations of DPOR park facilities.

SB 30 would allow free use of the parking and restrooms of a developed facility. This would be valid for a lifetime, renewed automatically every five years.

Parking and restrooms at developed facilities are additional areas from which DPOR collects revenue to generate the general fund program receipts used to keep facilities clean and open to the public. Annual parking passes are currently \$60 per year. DPOR estimates that there would be an increase in interest for the DAV parking pass, with more than 17,000 disabled veterans eligible in Alaska and a smaller number of interested parties nationally.

It is estimated that DPOR would be unable to collect an additional \$300,000 with the additional DAV annual parking pass distributions. DPOR is dependent on GF/PR funds and Vehicle Rental Tax receipts for its park field operations.