

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB164CS(RES)-DNR-DPOR-04-09-24
 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)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	240.0		240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0	240.0
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(240.0)		(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1005 GF/Prgm (DGF)	(240.0)		(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)
Total	(240.0)	0.0	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)	(240.0)

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? N/A
(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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Updated narrative to reflect the bill specifying the applicability of the disabled veteran permit to state park developed campsites, the number of active disabled veteran camping permits, and the parking and restrooms of a developed facility and not to the rental of public reservable facilities.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 164 would amend AS 41.21.026(d). Currently this statute provides a free annual camping pass to a disabled veteran (DAV) of this country. SB 164 would amend the statute of the disabled veteran permit and extend it from the current state park developed campsites to include the parking and restrooms of a developed facility, and make the DAV permit an automatically renewable 5-year permit.

The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) issues DAV permits under AS 41.21.026(d) that are valid for a 5-year cycle (2023 - 2027), and there are currently 1,800 active DAV passes. The current benefit of the DAV camping pass to disabled veterans in the country is estimated at \$360,000 per year (1,800 DAV permits * 10-day average usage per permit per year * \$20 per day campground fee = \$360,000) that is foregone general fund program receipts (GF/PR) not collected by the division to cover park operating expenses.

Developed parking and restroom locations are additional areas that DPOR collects general fund program receipts to keep developed facilities clean, safe, and open to the public. Annual parking passes are currently \$60 per year.

DPOR estimates 4,000 annual parking permits (1,800 current DAV campground passes plus 2,200 additional disabled veterans signing up for the new parking pass benefit) at the current rate of \$60/year will be reduced due to this change, which equals \$240,000 per year (4,000 annual parking passes * \$60 per year = \$240,000). The uncollected GF/PR would need to be replaced by unrestricted general funds (UGF), to ensure the operational costs are not borne by other park users. The fiscal note reflects a fund source change from GF/PR to UGF accordingly, for the new parking pass benefit.