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Re: CSHJR 17 (RES) 24-LS0847Y

Please finalize the above referenced legislation.

Thanks

Jim

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REPRESENTATIVE JIM ELKINS

SPONSOR STATEMENT

House Joint Resolution 17, "Opposing Federal House Resolution 3283 'The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act'," expresses the desire of the Alaska State Legislature.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, also known as the Recreational Access Tax, allows the Forest Service, Bureau Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Reclamation to charge fees for recreational use of federally managed land by the general public. The U.S. House of Representatives never approved H.R. 3283. It was never introduced, never had hearings, and was never approved by the U.S. Senate, but was instead attached to the omnibus-spending bill H.R. 4818 as an appropriations rider. Once H.R. 3283 is enacted, communities all across our state will be gravely affected. Failure to comply with these "access fees" could result in fines, criminal penalties, and possibly jail time!

The federal government is the largest landowner in Alaska, managing over 2/3's of the total acreage. These enclaves include national parks, wildlife refuges, national forests, and other federal property.

If H.R. 3283 is ratified, all of Alaska will be greatly impacted. Approximately 80 million acres of federally owned land has been set aside for public use. The concept of paying fees to use public land is contrary to the idea that public land belongs to the people of the state, and is land where every person is granted access and is welcome. What would happen if the federal government started charging *indefinite* "access fees" to allow admittance? Would we then be expected to pay a fee to walk along one of our beaches, hike a trail surrounding one of our glaciers, or to simply step out into our backyard?

The Montana State Legislature passed a resolution calling on the U.S. Congress to repeal H.R. 3283. The states of Colorado and Oregon also have resolutions in the works opposing this Act. Today, we urge you to consider HJR 17, and call on the U.S. Congress to abolish the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act.

FISCAL NOTE

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2005 Legislative Session

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: H.J.R. 17
 () Publish Date: 5/4/2005

Revision Date/Time _____ Dept. Affected: N/A
 Title Oppose Federal Rec. Land Use BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Representative Elkins
 Requester House Resources Committee Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2006 | FY 2007 | FY 2008 | FY 2009 | FY 2010 | FY 2011 |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Personal Services | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
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| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | |
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | |
| Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate) | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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| Full-time | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 The House Resources Committee has determined that passage of this resolution will have no fiscal impacts.

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