

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 209 (2025)

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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)

ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION _____ (Y/N)

FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)

WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)

OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Natural Resources &
Disasters Subcommittee

Representative Snyder offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 244-373 and insert:

1. All lands managed pursuant to this chapter must be:

a. Managed in a manner that will provide the greatest
combination of benefits to the public and to the land's natural
resources; and

b. Managed for conservation-based recreational uses;
public access and related amenities, including roads, parking
areas, walkways, and visitor centers; and scientific research,
including archaeology. Such uses must be managed in a manner
that is compatible with and that ensures the conservation of
this state's natural resources by minimizing impacts to
undisturbed habitat and using disturbed upland regions to the

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17 maximum extent practicable. As used in this sub-subparagraph,
18 the term "conservation-based recreational uses" means public
19 outdoor recreational activities that do not significantly
20 invade, degrade, or displace the natural resources, native
21 habitats, or archeological or historical sites that are
22 preserved within state parks. These activities include, but are
23 not limited to, fishing, camping, bicycling, hiking, nature
24 study, swimming, boating, canoeing, horseback riding, diving,
25 birding, sailing, and jogging.

26 2. To ensure the protection of state park resources,
27 sporting facilities that cause substantial harm to the natural
28 resources, native habitats, or archeological or historical sites
29 within state parks, including, but not limited to, golf courses,
30 tennis courts, pickleball courts, ball fields, or other similar
31 facilities may not be constructed in state parks.

32 ~~(c)(3) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~ Study
33 and appraise the recreational ~~recreation~~ needs of the state and
34 assemble and disseminate information relative to recreation.

35 ~~(d)(4) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~ Provide
36 consultation assistance to local governing units as to the
37 protection, organization, and administration of local recreation
38 systems and the planning and design of local recreational
39 ~~recreation~~ areas and facilities.

40 ~~(e)(5) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~ Assist
41 in recruiting, training, and placing recreation personnel.

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42 ~~(f)(6) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~ Sponsor
43 and promote recreation institutes, workshops, seminars, and
44 conferences throughout this ~~the~~ state.

45 ~~(g)(7) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~
46 Cooperate with state and federal agencies, private
47 organizations, and commercial and industrial interests in the
48 promotion of a state recreation program.

49 ~~(2)(8) This part shall be enforced by~~ The Division of Law
50 Enforcement of the Department of Environmental Protection and
51 its officers and ~~by~~ the Division of Law Enforcement of the Fish
52 and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its officers shall
53 enforce this part.

54 **Section 4. Present subsection (5) of section 258.007,**
55 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), a new**
56 **subsection (5) and subsection (6) are added to that section, and**
57 **subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:**

58 258.007 Powers of division.—

59 (3)(a) The division may, as consistent with s. 258.004,
60 grant privileges, leases, concessions, and permits for the use
61 of land for the accommodation of visitors in the various parks,
62 monuments, and memorials in accordance with all of the following
63 provisions:

64 1. ~~, provided no~~ Natural curiosities or objects of
65 interest may not ~~shall~~ be granted, leased, or rented on ~~such~~

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66 terms ~~that as shall~~ deny or interfere with free access to them
67 by the public.~~†~~

68 2. provided further, Such grants, leases, and permits may
69 be made and given without advertisement or securing competitive
70 bids.~~†~~ and

71 3. provided further, that no Such grants, leases, and
72 permits may not ~~grant, lease, or permit~~ shall be assigned or
73 transferred by any grantee without consent of the division.

74 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ~~after May 1, 2014,~~ the
75 division may not grant new concession agreements for the
76 accommodation of visitors in a state park that provides beach
77 access and contains less than 7,000 feet of shoreline if the
78 type of concession is available within 1,500 feet of the park's
79 boundaries. This paragraph does not apply to concession
80 agreements for accommodations offered at a park on or before May
81 1, 2014. ~~This paragraph shall take effect upon this act becoming~~
82 ~~a law.~~

83 (5) The division may acquire, install, or permit the
84 installation or operation at state parks of camping cabins that
85 have a maximum occupancy of six guests. The installation and
86 operation of camping cabins must be compatible with the state
87 park's land management plan and must be approved pursuant to s.
88 253.034(5). Camping cabins must, to the maximum extent
89 practicable, be sited to avoid impacts to a state park's
90 critical habitat and natural and historical resources.

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91 (6) The division may not authorize uses or construction
92 activities, including the building or alteration of structures,
93 within a state park which may cause significant harm to the
94 resources of the state park. Any use or any construction
95 activity must, to the maximum extent practicable, be conducted
96 in a manner that avoids impacts to a state park's critical
97 habitat and natural and historical resources. The division may
98 not install or permit the installation at state parks of any
99 lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.242.

100 **Section 5. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (8) of**
101 **section 259.032, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

102 259.032 Conservation and recreation lands.—

103 (8)

104 (b) Individual management plans required by s. 253.034(5),
105 for parcels over 160 acres and for parcels located within a
106 state park, must ~~shall~~ be developed with input from an advisory
107 group.

108 1. Members of ~~the this~~ advisory group shall include, at a
109 minimum, representatives of the lead land managing agency,
110 comanaging entities, local private property owners, the
111 appropriate soil and water conservation district, a local
112 conservation organization, and a local elected official. If
113 habitat or potentially restorable habitat for imperiled species
114 is located on state lands, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
115 Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer

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Services must ~~shall~~ be included on any advisory group required under chapter 253, and the short-term and long-term management goals required under chapter 253 must advance the goals and objectives of imperiled species management without restricting other uses identified in the management plan.

2. The advisory group shall conduct at least one public hearing within the county in which the parcel or project is located. For those parcels or projects ~~that are~~ within more than one county, at least one areawide public hearing is ~~shall be~~ acceptable and the lead managing agency shall invite a local elected official from each county. The areawide public hearing must ~~shall~~ be held in the county in which the core parcels are located. At least 30 days before the public hearing, notice of ~~the such public~~ hearing must ~~shall~~ be posted on the parcel or project designated for management, advertised in a paper of general circulation, and announced at a scheduled meeting of the local governing body ~~before the actual public hearing.~~

3. The management prospectus required pursuant to paragraph (7)(b) must ~~shall~~ be available to the public for a period of 30 days before the public hearing.

(c) Once a plan is adopted, the managing agency or entity shall update the plan at least every 10 years in a form and manner adopted by rule of the board. Such updates, for parcels over 160 acres and for parcels located within a state park, must ~~shall~~ be developed with input from an advisory group. Such plans

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may include transfers of leasehold interests to appropriate conservation organizations or governmental entities designated by the council for uses consistent with the purposes of the organizations and the protection, preservation, conservation, restoration, and proper management of the lands and their resources. Volunteer management assistance is encouraged, including, but not limited to, assistance by youths participating in programs sponsored by state or local agencies, by volunteers sponsored by environmental or civic organizations, and by individuals participating in programs for committed delinquents and adults.

By July 1 of each year, each governmental agency and each private entity designated to manage lands shall report to the Secretary of Environmental Protection on the progress of funding, staffing, and resource management of every project for which the agency or entity is responsible.

T I T L E A M E N D M E N T

Remove lines 16-30 and insert:

term "conservation-based recreational uses"; prohibiting the construction of certain facilities within state parks; making technical changes; amending s. 258.007, F.S.; requiring the division to comply with specified provisions

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166 when granting certain privileges, leases, concessions, and
167 permits; authorizing the division to acquire, install, or
168 permit the installation or operation at state parks of
169 camping cabins that meet certain requirements; prohibiting
170 the division from authorizing certain uses or construction
171 activities within a state park; prohibiting the division
172 from installing or permitting the installation of any
173 lodging establishment at a state park; amending s. 259.032,
174 F.S.; requiring that individual management plans for
175 parcels located within state parks be developed and updated
176 with input from an advisory