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STAFF REPORT: Legislative Update
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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the California State Park System. Information contained in this report is accurate as of May 24, 2024.

Assembly Bill 1284 (Ramos) Tribal ancestral lands and waters: cogovernance and comanagement agreements.

Summary: This bill would encourage the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to enter into co-governance and co-management agreements with federally recognized tribes and authorizes the CNRA Secretary to enter into agreements, as specified, with federally recognized tribes for the purposes of shared responsibility, decision-making, and partnership in resource management and conservation within a tribe's ancestral lands and waters.

Status: Referred to the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Assembly Bill 1937 (Berman) State parks: Pedro Point.

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Transportation to sell and transfer surplus property in the City of Pacifica, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for state park purposes, as specified.

Status: On the Assembly Floor

Assembly Bill 2038 (Quirk-Silva) State parks: outdoor equity programs.

Summary: This bill would prohibit the Department from requiring special event permits, and associated fees, for outdoor recreation programming within the State Park System for groups of up to 30 people, as specified. This bill would also require the program organizer to provide the Department 15-days advanced notice of the event and planned activities, as specified.

Status: Senate Desk for referral

Assembly Bill 2103 (Pellerin) Department of Parks and Recreation: Big Basin Redwoods, Año Nuevo, and Butano State Parks.

Summary: This bill would temporarily authorize the Department to purchase real property for Big Basin Redwoods, Año Nuevo, and Butano state parks, without State Public Works Board (SPWB) review, as specified. This bill includes a January 1, 2030 sunset.

Status: Senate Desk for referral

Assembly Bill 2285 (Rendon) Natural resources: equitable outdoor access: 30x30 goal: urban nature-based projects.

Summary: The bill would encourage decisionmakers, when distributing resources to achieve the goals and benefits of the 30x30 goal and Outdoors for All Initiative, to consider factors that are unique to urban settings, as specified.

Status: Senate Desk for referral

Assembly Bill 2440 (Reyes) 30x30 goal: partnering state agencies: Department of Parks and Recreation.

Summary: This bill would require the Natural Resources Agency to prioritize promoting and supporting partnering state agencies and departments, including the Department of Parks and Recreation, in the acquisition and responsible stewardship of state land.

Status: Senate Desk for referral

Assembly Bill 3238 (Garcia) Electrical infrastructure projects: endangered species: natural community conservation plans.

Summary: This bill would create a CEQA exemption for the construction, expansion, modification, or update of an electrical infrastructure project on state-owned lands, as specified. This bill would designate the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) as the CEQA lead agency for electrical infrastructure projects.

Status: Senate Desk for referral

Senate Bill 632 (Caballero) Red Rock Canyon State Park Combined Use Road Access.

Summary: This bill would authorize the Department to administer a pilot program at Red Rock Canyon State Park, to evaluate the use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs) on specified combined use highways, until 2030. Additionally, the bill would require the Department, in consultation with Caltrans and CHP, to submit a report to the Legislature on the effectiveness of the pilot project on or before January 1, 2029.

Status: Pending

Senate Bill 1332 (Allen) The Conservation Stewardship Endowment Fund.

Summary: This bill would establish the Conservation Stewardship Endowment Fund, to be administered by the Natural Resources Agency, to support the maintenance and stewardship of lands within the State Park System. This bill would also require moneys in the fund to be invested by the Treasurer, as specified.

Status: On the Senate Floor

Commission Action

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Attachments

None