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VIRGINIA STATE BUDGET

2017 Session

Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Agency » Item 365 #1h

Chief Patron: Cox

Partial Restoration of Funding for Swift Creek Bike Trail

Item 365 #1h	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$400,000	\$0	GF

Language

Page 364, unstrike line 7 through line 11.

Page 364, strike "\$635,000" and insert "\$400,000".

Page 364, line 10, strike ";" and insert "."

Page 364, line 10, strike "including the design for trailhead".

Page 364, strike line 11.

Page 364, line 10, after "Plan." insert:

"It is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding shall be expended solely for the construction of trails accessible to disabled riders."

Explanation

(This amendment partially restores funding eliminated in Senate Bill 900 for the construction of accessible mountain bike trails for disabled riders. Additional language clarifies the legislative intent of the funding is for trail construction and does not include additional structures.)

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2017 Session

Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 365 #2s

Chief Patron: Hanger

Partial Restoration of Funding for Swift Creek Trail

Item 365 #2s	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$400,000	\$0	GF

Language

Page 364, unstrike line 7 through line 11.

Page 364, strike "\$635,000" and insert "\$400,000".

Page 364, line 10, strike ";" and insert "."

Page 364, line 10, strike "including the design for trailhead".

Page 364, strike line 11.

Page 364, line 10, following "Plan." insert "It is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding shall be expended solely for the construction of trails accessible to disabled riders."

Explanation

(This amendment partially restores funding eliminated in SB 900 for the construction of accessible mountain bike trails for disabled riders. Additional language clarifies the legislative intent of the funding is for trail construction and does not include additional structures.)

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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Agency » Item 365 #6h

Chief Patron: Dudenhefer

Widewater Park Operating Costs

Item 365 #6h	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$487,945	GF
	0.00	4.00	FTE

Explanation

(This amendment provides funding to support the daily operations of the day use facilities at Widewater Park which are projected to be complete in early 2018. In order to adequately manage the daily operations and prepare for the expected high visitation, funding for four additional positions, initial equipment needs and park operational costs is necessary.)

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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 365 #2h

Chief Patron: Poindexter

Restore Ch. 780 Language on Parkland Acquisition (language only)

Item 365 #2h

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 364, line 15, strike "new".

Page 364, line 16, after "General Assembly." strike the remainder of the line.

Page 364, strike lines 17 through 21.

Explanation

(This amendment removes new language proposed by the Governor in House Bill 1500 which is contrary to the General Assembly's expressed intent as evidenced by language included in this paragraph by the 2016 General Assembly which would prohibit the Department of Conservation and Recreation from accepting by gift, transfer or purchase any lands for use as a state park without the approval of the General Assembly. A companion amendment in Capital Outlay eliminates nongeneral fund appropriations for DCR to purchase park land or lands to be designated as natural area preserves.)

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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 365 #3h

Chief Patron: Orrock

Youth Corps Funding

Item 365 #3h	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$612,537	\$612,537	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language

Page 364, after line 21, insert:

"J. Included in the amounts for this item is \$612,357 in the first year and \$612,357 in the second year from the general fund to support 25 Youth Corps programs in state parks."

Explanation

(This amendment would allow the Virginia State Parks to establish state funding to sponsor 25 Youth Corps programs in state parks each summer. This would allow the program to serve all 36 state parks. The youth corps program is comprised of two components, the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and the Youth Service Corps (YSC). Each program consists of teams of ten members, aged 14-17 and three leaders (college age or older). The YCC is an overnight program where the youth and leaders work and live in a park for three weeks. The YSC, a companion program, differs in that it targets at-risk teens and does not include overnight lodging for crew members. In both programs, the crews perform valuable park work including trail and natural resource projects such as removal of invasive species, debris clean-up and view shed clearing.)

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Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 365 #5s

Chief Patron: Hanger

Youth Conservation Corps

Item 365 #5s	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$612,537	\$612,537	GF
	1.00	1.00	FTE

Language

Page 364, following line 21, insert:

"J. Included in the amounts for Natural Outdoor Recreational and Open Space Resource Research, Planning, and Technical Assistance there is provided \$612,537 from the general fund in the first year and \$612,537 in the second year for annual Youth Conservation Corps programs in 36 Virginia State Parks."

Explanation

(This amendment will allow Virginia State Parks to establish stable funding to sponsor 25 Youth Corps programs serving 36 state parks each summer.)

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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 456 #1h

Chief Patron: Toscano

Recreational Access Funds for Biscuit Run (language only)

Item 456 #1h

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Page 442, line 55, after "needs." insert:

"In addition, the department is directed to utilize \$1,200,000 in funding from the amounts for Financial Assistance for Planning, Access Roads, and Special Projects to build an entrance to the Biscuit Run Recreational Area."

Explanation

(This amendment directs VDOT to utilize \$1.2 million from the Recreational Access Funds in the second year to build an entrance to Biscuit Run.)

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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Agency » Item C-26.50 #1h

Chief Patron: Toscano

DCR - Biscuit Run Park Access Road and Parking

Item C-26.50 #1h	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$837,000	GF

Language

Explanation

(This amendment adds improvements to Biscuit Run State Park for an access road and gravel parking lot.)

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Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 456 #1s

Chief Patron: Deeds

Biscuit Run Recreational Area Entrance (language only)

Item 456 #1s

Transportation

Department of Transportation

Language

Page 443, following line 15, insert:

"E. Out of the amounts appropriated for Financial Assistance for Planning, Access Road and Special Road programs, for the purposes set forth in §§33.2-1509, 33.2-1600, and 33.2-1510, Code of Virginia, \$1,200,000 in the second year from the Recreational Access Road and Economic Development Access Programs shall be allotted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board for improvements to State Route 20 in Albemarle County for the purpose of providing access to Biscuit Run State Recreation Area."

Explanation

(This amendment directs the Virginia Department of Transportation to use \$1.2 million in funding from the Recreational Access Road and the Economic Development Access Programs to build an entrance to the Biscuit Run Recreational Area.)

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Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item C-26.5 #1s

Chief Patron: Deeds

CO - DCR - Biscuit Run Park Access Roads and Parking

Item C-26.5 #1s	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$837,000	GF

Explanation

(This amendment provides funding of \$837,000 GF for an access road and a gravel parking lot to allow for day access to the Biscuit Run State Recreation Area.)

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Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item 475 #1s

Chief Patron: Deeds

VALORS/DCR (SB 1071)

Item 475 #1s	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Central Appropriations			
Central Appropriations	\$0	\$439,000	GF
	\$0	\$169,000	NGF

Explanation

(This amendment provides funding for the estimated net general fund share of increased employer retirement contribution rate costs to implement Senate Bill 1071, which adds Department of Conservation Officers as members of the Virginia Law Enforcement Officers Retirement System.)

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Budget Amendments - SB900 (Member Request)

By Member » Item C-25 #1s

Chief Patron: Black

CO - DCR - Loudoun State Park Land Acquisition

Item C-25 #1s	First Year - FY2017	Second Year - FY2018	
Natural Resources			
Department of Conservation and Recreation	\$0	\$2,900,000	NGF

Language

Page 496, after line 15, insert:

"A. The Virginia Public Building Authority shall issue bonds in the amount of up to \$2,900,000 for the purchase of a 281-acre parcel contiguous to the 600-acre Loudoun State Park."

Explanation

(This amendment provides authorization for the Virginia Public Building Authority to issue bonds in the amount of up to \$2.9 million for the Department of Conservation and Recreation to purchase a 281-acre parcel contiguous to the 600-acre Loudoun State Park.)



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Budget Amendments - HB1500 (Member Request)

By Agency » Item 364 #8h

Chief Patron: Lingamfelter

Encourage Resource Mgmt Plans (language only)

Item 364 #8h

Natural Resources

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Language

Page 362, after line 40, insert:

"Q. The Department of Conservation and Recreation shall convene a stakeholder group consisting of, but not limited to, designees of the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation, the Virginia Agribusiness Council, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to examine the funding, training and resource needs for, and explore new incentives for, additional implementation of Resource Management Plans pursuant to § 10.1-104.7-10.1-104.9, Code of Virginia. The stakeholder group is directed to conduct their review and make recommendations to the Governor and the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees no later than October 1, 2017."

Explanation

(This amendment establishes a stakeholder group to find ways to incentivize broader usage of Resource Management Plans with a report to the General Assembly by October 1, 2017.)