


Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note
STATE
FISCAL IMPACT

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 Rep. Looper

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TITLE: CONCERNING FREE STATE PARKS ADMISSION FOR VETERANS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, ESTABLISHING FREE ADMISSION ON A SPECIFIED DAY EACH YEAR FOR VETERANS AND FREE STATE PARKS ADMISSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAMS WHO HAVE SUSTAINED SEVERE COMBAT-RELATED INJURIES WHILE SERVING IN POST-SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2011-2012	FY 2012-2013
State Revenue		
Cash Funds		
Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund		Reduction
State Expenditures		
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation in the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate rules to allow members of the armed forces wounded warriors programs free entrance to any state park or recreation area. Wounded warriors are individuals who have been severely injured in military operations undertaken since September 11, 2001, and require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance. Wounded warriors who are residents of, or are stationed in Colorado, would be eligible for free entrance. The bill also authorizes the board to promulgate rules to allow all veterans free entrance to any state park on 1 day each year of the board's choosing.

State Revenue

This bill will result in a small reduction in revenue to the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Cash Fund. The board has already authorized veterans 1 free day of access to state parks by rule and disabled veterans are currently eligible for free access to state parks with a Colorado Disabled

Veterans license plate. These license plates are available to qualified disabled veterans at no cost. Therefore, this bill will only affect wounded warriors without a Colorado Disabled Veterans license plate. The increase in overall park visitation as a result of this bill is estimated to be minimal and will not likely result in a significant loss of revenue.

Departments Contacted

Natural Resources Military Affairs