

HB 1768-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL

1768-FN

AN ACT relative to gifts and donations received by the division of parks and recreation.

SPONSORS: Rep. Bridle, Rock. 29; Rep. Bordes, Belk. 5; Rep. Coker, Belk. 2; Rep. Edgar, Rock. 29; Rep. McGrath, Rock. 40

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows the division of parks and recreation to solicit and receive monetary and in-kind donations and to acknowledge such donations through limited sponsor recognition. The bill also raises the value of individual gifts and donations that may be received by the division of parks and recreation without the approval of the governor or the executive council.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Fees for Park System; Acceptance of Donations by Division of Parks and
2 Recreation. Amend RSA 216-A:3-g by inserting after paragraph V the following new paragraph:

3 V-a.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of
4 natural and cultural resources, through the division of parks and recreation, may solicit, receive, and
5 procure monetary or in-kind donations.

6 (b) Donations received under this paragraph may be acknowledged through limited
7 sponsor recognition, including the display of a name, logo, or identifying mark, as determined by the
8 department, provided that such recognition is incidental to the donation, non-promotional in nature,
9 and does not imply endorsement by the state.

10 (c) All monetary donations received under this paragraph shall be deposited in the state
11 parks gifts and donations account established under RSA 216-A:3-o and expended in accordance with
12 that section.

13 2 Expansion of State Park System; State Park Gifts and Donations; Account Established.
14 Amend RSA 216-A:3-o, I to read as follows:

15 I. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, individual gifts and donations
16 not exceeding [~~\$2,500~~] **\$50,000** in value in a fiscal year may be received by the division of parks and
17 recreation without the approval of the governor or [~~the governor and~~] council. Individual gifts and
18 donations exceeding [~~\$2,500~~] **\$50,000** in value in a fiscal year may be received by the division of
19 parks and recreation with the approval of the governor and council.

20 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

HB 1768-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Indeterminable Increase (State Parks Gifts and Donations Fund)	Indeterminable Increase (State Parks Gifts and Donations Fund)	Indeterminable Increase (State Parks Gifts and Donations Fund)
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	State Park Fund and State Parks Gifts and Donations Fund			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill increases the threshold for individual gifts and donations that may be accepted by the Division of Parks and Recreation without approval of the Governor and Executive Council from \$2,500 to \$50,000. To the extent donors provide gifts in excess of the prior \$2,500 limit, the State Parks Gifts and Donations Account established under RSA 216-A:3-o could experience an indeterminable increase in revenue ranging from \$0 to \$47,500 per individual gift, depending on the amount and number of donations received.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None