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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

April 19, 2019

TO: Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair,
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair, and
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs

FROM: Senator Jim Dill, Senate Chair, JD KGN
Representative Craig V. Hickman, House Chair, and
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

SUBJ: Biennial Budget Report Back

As you know, the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (ACF) Committee submitted a report for most of the proposed 2020-2021 Biennial Budget initiatives related to Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on April 4, 2019. We needed additional time to work on a few initiatives as well as some language items. We have completed our work on the budget, which is summarized below.

- Two initiatives: Ref. #379 and #380 on Pages 29 and 30 were unanimously voted IN.
- Eight language items have been voted:
  - Parts V, W, X, Z and BB were unanimously voted OUT;
  - Parts II and KK were unanimously voted IN; and
  - Part Y was unanimously voted in IN with amendments. The amended language for Part Y is attached.

In addition, we have also added four proposed new initiatives, which are summarized below.

1. Parks – General Operations Z221
New initiative to restore 12 part-time positions in the Parks – General Operations Z221 program, General Fund by reducing All Other Funds for contracts. See attached for position detail.

Parks - General Operations Z221	FY 20	FY 21
Positions - FTE count	3.65	3.65
Personal Services	206,726	214,857
All Other	(211,447)	(211,447)
General Fund Total	(4,721)	3,410

COMMITTEE VOTE on 4/18/19: 6 voted in favor and 3 (RB, MK, TK) voted in opposition.
In addition, Rep. Skolfield was absent at the time of the vote, but asked that it be on the record that he would have voted in favor of this initiative.

2. Parks – General Operations Z221
New initiative to provide ongoing All Other funds to reimburse lifeguards for the required training for certification.

GENERAL FUND
2019-20 $7,525
2020-21 $7,525

COMMITTEE VOTE on 4/16/19: 7 in favor, 4 oppose (RB, MK, RH, TK)

3. Land Management and Planning Z239
New initiative to restore 2 Acquisition and Planning positions: one Chief Planner position (class code 0078) and one Planning & Research Associate II position (class code 0040) to restore functions for conservation planning and management.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE
Chief Planner (class code 0078)
2019-20 $89,410
2020-21 $93,748

Planning & Research Associate II (class code 0040)
2019-20 $79,700
2020-21 $83,482

COMMITTEE VOTE on 4/18/19: Unanimously (9-0) in favor.

4. Land for Maine's Future Z162
New initiative to restore one Senior Planner position (class code 0603) for the Land for Maine's Future program.

GENERAL FUND
Senior Planner (class code 0603)
2019-20 $85,665
2020-21 $89,550

COMMITTEE VOTE on 4/18/19: 5 in favor, 4 oppose (RB, MK, CM, TK)

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

PART Y

Amend section Y-1 as follows (see highlighted language):

Sec. Y-1. 12 MRSA §1825 as revised by 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §24 is amended to read:

The bureau shall administer funds relating to state parks and historic sites, municipal recreation and recreation management on lands classified as state parks or historic sites pursuant to this chapter. These funds include but are not limited to the following:

~~**1. Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development Fund.** The Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development Fund is established within the bureau for the purpose of developing, maintaining and managing state parks and other recreational facilities on lands owned or leased by the bureau.~~

~~Income from legislative appropriation, gifts, grants, bequests and other sources approved by the Legislature may be deposited into this fund. Any interest earned on money in the fund must also be credited to the fund. The Maine State Parks and Recreational Facilities Development Fund is nonlapsing and all funds are subject to allocation by the Legislature.~~

1-A. Parks General Operations Fund. The Parks General Operations Fund is established within the bureau for the purpose of developing, maintaining and managing state parks and other recreational facilities on lands owned or leased by the bureau.

Income from legislative appropriation, gifts, grants, bequests, the Maine Environmental Trust Fund in accordance with section 10255, subsection 3, and any other sources approved by the Legislature may be deposited in this fund. Any interest earned on money in the fund must be credited to the fund. The Parks General Operations Fund is nonlapsing and all funds are subject to allocation by the Legislature.

~~**2. Maine State Parks Fund.** The Maine State Parks Fund is established within the bureau. The fund receives money from the Maine Environmental Trust Fund in accordance with section 10255, subsection 3. The bureau shall use money in the fund for major and minor capital improvements, maintenance, repairs and operations at state parks and historic sites.~~

~~The Maine State Parks Fund is nonlapsing and all funds are subject to allocation by the Legislature.~~

3. Municipal Recreation Fund. The bureau shall administer a state grant-in-aid fund known as the Municipal Recreation Fund. The bureau is responsible for administering all money made available to the fund. Grants-in-aid may be made by the bureau out of the fund as follows.

A. The bureau may make grants to assist municipalities and other political subdivisions in the capital improvement of public park and recreation facilities for projects the total cost of each one of which does not exceed $5,000. Such a grant may not exceed 75% of the approved project cost. A municipality may not receive more than one grant under this paragraph in any fiscal year.

B. For those projects that are approved to receive federal financial assistance under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, (P.L. 88-578), as amended, the bureau may make a supplemental grant not to exceed 40% of the approved project cost.

C. The bureau may make grants to assist municipalities and other political subdivisions in the development and implementation of recreation programs. Eligible costs for the program grants include, but are not limited to, employment of personnel, transportation and noncapital equipment or supplies. Any grant made under this paragraph in any single fiscal year may not exceed $1,000 or 50% of the project cost, whichever is less.

Funds credited to the Municipal Recreation Fund are nonlapsing.

4. Forest Recreation Resource Fund. The bureau may construct and maintain public campsites to prevent forest fires by providing fire-safe sites and preventing a proliferation of private fires and to provide recreation opportunities on lands within its jurisdiction and elsewhere in the State's forests where there is inadequate provision of private, primitive campsites.

For the purpose of carrying out these activities, the bureau may accept voluntary services and other contributions pursuant to this chapter; enter into leases and other agreements; and, pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II, establish rules and a schedule of fees for the use of these campsites. All such fees and other revenues derived from grants, contributions, contracts and transfers to carry out the purposes of this subsection must be deposited in a nonlapsing account, to be called the Forest Recreation Resource Fund, which operates as a separate unit within the Parks General Operations Fund account to be used for the purposes of this subsection. All funds in this account are subject to allocation by the Legislature.

5. State Parks Improvement Fund established; sale of merchandise. The State Parks Improvement Fund, which operates as a separate unit within the Parks General Operations Fund account, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the bureau. The fund is nonlapsing. The bureau may sell within parks or historic sites general merchandise that is distinctive to the parks or historic sites or useful to the enjoyment of the parks or historic sites. Items that may be sold include, but are not limited to, hats, coffee mugs, bumper stickers, t-shirts, tote bags and firewood. Merchandise sold by the bureau must be of good quality, appropriate for sale by the bureau and sold for a reasonable fee. The bureau also may rent items to be used for the enjoyment of the park or historic site, including, but not limited to, rowboats, canoes, kayaks and bicycles. To the extent the bureau needs to contract with vendors to obtain goods or services in order to develop, create or manufacture merchandise for sale or lease, the commissioner shall, to the maximum extent practicable, contract with vendors located in this State. Goods and services purchased by the bureau for sale or lease under this section must be procured in accordance with Title 5, chapter 155. All proceeds from the sale or lease of merchandise pursuant to this subsection must be deposited in the fund and used for the operation and maintenance of parks.

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that all funds in the Parks General Operations Fund are subject to allocation by the Legislature. The amendment also keeps in place the provision that all funds in the Forest Recreation Resource Fund are subject to allocation by the Legislature.

Account #	Job Title	Class Code	Wks/ yr	FTE	FY20 Bud + Unemp	FY21 Bud + Unemp
01001AZ22133	Assistant Park Ranger	9209	11	0.21	12,009	12,489
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01001AZ22133	Assistant Park Ranger	9209	12	0.23	13,100	13,625
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01001AZ22133	Assistant Park Ranger	9209	15	0.29	16,379	17,033
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01001AZ22133	Laborer I	8001	13	0.25	13,795	14,296
01001AZ22133	Laborer I	8001	12	0.23	12,766	13,194
Subtotal PS cost				**3.65**	**206,726**	**214,857**

Unemployment 2.65% of the first $12,000 salary. Manually entered into each position as a budget line adjustment

01001AZ22133	Reduce All Other	(211,447)	(211,447)
		(4,721)	3,410
Change to General Fund for 20/21 biennium			(1,311)