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Help Save State Parks – Again!

Representative John Kavanagh is blocking action on HCR2040.

HCR2040 sustainable state parks fund (Jones, Brown, Ch. Campbell, et al) passed easily out of the House Natural Resources and Rural Affairs Committee, but now must be heard in the House Appropriations Committee or the bill will die. Representative John Kavanagh (R-08), who represents much of Scottsdale and Fountain Hills, is refusing to hear the bill because he does not like it. Please contact Representative Kavanagh and ask him to hear this important measure to help fund our parks into the future – let the full legislature and the voters have a chance on this.

HCR2040 refers to the ballot a measure to allow free day use of all of our State Parks for a fee on every vehicle registration. The funds would be administered by the State Parks Board to operate and maintain parks. With this \$12 fee (part of which will go to the Arizona Department of Transportation), Parks can generate approximately \$39 million per year. This would provide the necessary dollars for operation and maintenance of our State Parks System including the natural areas, historic parks, and lakes.

We especially need people who live in Representative Kavanagh's district to contact him, but it would be helpful for others to do so as well – he is holding up a bill that affects the entire state as well as our state parks system.

Please send a polite message (I know this is frustrating, but don't give them any reasons to ignore you.) to Representative Kavanagh, email jkavanagh@azleg.gov or call (602) 926-3002. If you are outside the Phoenix area, you can call 1-800-352-8404 and ask to be connected to his office. Thank you!