



## ARIZONA STATE SENATE

### Fifty-First Legislature, First Regular Session

#### FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2621

fund; state parks; roads; fee

##### Purpose

Creates a process by which a person can make a Sustainable State Parks and Roads Donation (Donation) to the Sustainable State Parks and Roads Fund (Fund) established by this act.

##### Background

The State Parks Board (Board) was established by the Legislature in 1957. Among its responsibilities, the Board operates and maintains all of Arizona's state parks, natural areas and historic and cultural areas. The Board manages 30 parks through ownership, leases and management agreements. The Board must select areas of scenic beauty, natural features and historical properties now owned by the state, except properties in the care and custody of other agencies, or as established by law, for management, operation and further development as state parks and historical monuments. The Board is required to investigate privately and federally owned land and lands owned by the state to determine which tracts should be set aside and dedicated for use as state parks, monuments or trails.

A.R.S. Title 28, Articles 1 and 2, establishes the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and the State Transportation Board (STB). The STB is a seven-member board, appointed by the Governor, which sets statewide transportation policy and a statewide transportation plan. ADOT, under the direction of a department director, is responsible for providing a state transportation system including the construction of highways and other transportation facilities

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

##### Provisions

1. Establishes a process for a person to make a Donation at the time of vehicle registration and renewal, in an amount determined by the Board.
2. Allows the Board to issue a promotional gift, determined by the Board, and subject to the review of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee.
3. Establishes the Fund, consisting of monies from Donations.

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4. Stipulates that the Fund is to be administered by the Board with the funds continuously appropriated.
5. Requires the Director of the Arizona State Parks Board to establish a separate ADOT subaccount and a separate State Parks subaccount in the Fund
6. Requires the registering officer to collect the donation and immediately deposit 85 percent of it in the State Parks subaccount and 15 percent in the ADOT subaccount of the Fund.
7. Clarifies that the monies deposited in the State Parks subaccount, administered by the Board, are to be used to operate, maintain and make capital improvements to buildings, roads, parking lots, highway entrances and any related structure used to operate State Parks.
8. Specifies that the monies deposited in the ADOT Subaccount, administered by ADOT, are to be used to operate, maintain and make capital improvements to highway rest areas and any other transportation related purposes.
9. Exempts a person registering a commercial motor vehicle from the provisions of this act.
10. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

**House Action**

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