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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Gruters) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Substitute for Amendment (914540) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 243 - 407
5 and insert:
6 recreation area within its boundaries.

- 7 1. All lands managed pursuant to this chapter must be:
8 a. Managed in a manner that will provide the greatest
9 combination of benefits to the public and to the land's natural
10 resources; and



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11 b. Managed for conservation-based recreational uses; public
12 access and related amenities, including roads, parking areas,
13 walkways, and visitor centers; Florida heritage and wildlife
14 viewing, including preservation of historical structures and
15 activities such as glass bottom and riverboat tours; and
16 scientific research, including archaeology. Such uses must be
17 managed in a manner that is compatible with and that ensures the
18 conservation of this state's natural resources by minimizing
19 impacts to undisturbed habitat and using disturbed upland
20 regions to the maximum extent practicable. As used in this sub-
21 subparagraph, the term "conservation-based recreational uses"
22 means public outdoor recreational activities that do not
23 significantly invade, degrade, or displace the natural
24 resources, native habitats, or archeological or historical sites
25 that are preserved within state parks. These activities include,
26 but are not limited to, fishing, camping, bicycling, hiking,
27 nature study, swimming, boating, canoeing and other
28 paddlesports, horseback riding, diving, birding, sailing, and
29 jogging.

30 2. To ensure the protection of state park resources,
31 sporting facilities, including, but not limited to, golf
32 courses, tennis courts, pickleball courts, ball fields, or other
33 similar facilities, which cause substantial harm to the natural
34 resources, native habitats, or archeological or historical sites
35 within state parks may not be constructed in state parks.

36 ~~(c)(3) The Division of Recreation and Parks shall~~ Study and
37 appraise the recreational ~~recreation~~ needs of the state and
38 assemble and disseminate information related ~~relative~~ to
39 recreation.



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40 ~~(d)(4)~~ The Division of Recreation and Parks shall Provide
41 consultation assistance to local governing units as to the
42 protection, organization, and administration of local recreation
43 systems and the planning and design of local recreational
44 ~~recreation~~ areas and facilities.

45 ~~(e)(5)~~ The Division of Recreation and Parks shall Assist in
46 recruiting, training, and placing recreation personnel.

47 ~~(f)(6)~~ The Division of Recreation and Parks shall Sponsor
48 and promote recreation institutes, workshops, seminars, and
49 conferences throughout this ~~the~~ state.

50 ~~(g)(7)~~ The Division of Recreation and Parks shall Cooperate
51 with state and federal agencies, private organizations, and
52 commercial and industrial interests in the promotion of a state
53 recreation program.

54 ~~(2)(8)~~ This part shall be enforced by The Division of Law
55 Enforcement of the Department of Environmental Protection and
56 its officers and ~~by~~ the Division of Law Enforcement of the Fish
57 and Wildlife Conservation Commission and its officers shall
58 enforce this part.

59 Section 4. Present subsection (5) of section 258.007,
60 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), a new
61 subsection (5) and subsection (6) are added to that section, and
62 subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

63 258.007 Powers of division.—

64 (3) (a) The division may, as consistent with s. 258.004,
65 grant privileges, leases, concessions, and permits for the use
66 of land for the accommodation of visitors in the various parks,
67 monuments, and memorials in accordance with all of the following
68 provisions:



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69 1. ~~provided no~~ Natural curiosities or objects of interest
70 may not ~~shall~~ be granted, leased, or rented on ~~such~~ terms that
71 as ~~shall~~ deny or interfere with free access to them by the
72 public.~~†~~

73 2. ~~provided further,~~ Such grants, leases, and permits may
74 be made and given without advertisement or securing competitive
75 bids.~~†~~ and

76 3. ~~provided further, that no~~ Such grants, leases, and
77 permits may not ~~grant, lease, or permit~~ shall be assigned or
78 transferred by any grantee without consent of the division.

79 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), ~~after May 1, 2014,~~ the
80 division may not grant new concession agreements for the
81 accommodation of visitors in a state park that provides beach
82 access and contains less than 7,000 feet of shoreline if the
83 type of concession is available within 1,500 feet of the park's
84 boundaries. This paragraph does not apply to concession
85 agreements for accommodations offered at a park on or before May
86 1, 2014. ~~This paragraph shall take effect upon this act becoming~~
87 ~~a law.~~

88 (5) The division may acquire, install, or permit the
89 installation or operation in state parks of campsites and
90 cabins. The installation and operation of campsites and cabins
91 must be compatible with the state park's land management plan
92 and must be approved pursuant to s. 253.034(5). Campsites and
93 cabins must, to the maximum extent practicable, be sited to
94 avoid impacts to a state park's critical habitat and natural and
95 historical resources.

96 (6) The division may not authorize uses or construction
97 activities, including the building or alteration of any



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98 structure, within a state park which may cause significant harm
99 to the resources of the state park. Any use or any construction
100 activity must, to the maximum extent practicable, be conducted
101 in a manner that avoids impacts to a state park's critical
102 habitat and natural and historical resources. The division may
103 not install or permit the installation at state parks of any
104 public lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.242. However,
105 this subsection may not be construed to prohibit the continued
106 operation of any such public lodging establishment operating
107 within a state park as of the effective date of this act, or to
108 prohibit the acquisition of a public lodging establishment to be
109 included in a state park.

110 Section 5. Section 258.152, Florida Statutes, is created to
111 read:

112 258.152 Ney Landrum State Park designation.—The St. Marks
113 River Preserve State Park located in Leon and Jefferson Counties
114 is renamed and designated as the Ney Landrum State Park.

115 Section 6. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (8) of
116 section 259.032, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

117 259.032 Conservation and recreation lands.—

118 (8)

119 (b) Individual management plans required by s. 253.034(5),
120 for parcels over 160 acres and for parcels located within a
121 state park, must ~~shall~~ be developed with input from an advisory
122 group.

123 1. Members of the ~~this~~ advisory group shall include, at a
124 minimum, representatives of the lead land managing agency,
125 comanaging entities, local private property owners, the
126 appropriate soil and water conservation district, a local



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127 conservation organization, and a local elected official. If
128 habitat or potentially restorable habitat for imperiled species
129 is located on state lands, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation
130 Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
131 Services must ~~shall~~ be included on any advisory group required
132 under chapter 253, and the short-term and long-term management
133 goals required under chapter 253 must advance the goals and
134 objectives of imperiled species management without restricting
135 other uses identified in the management plan.

136 2. The advisory group shall conduct at least one public
137 hearing within the county in which the parcel or project is
138 located. For those parcels or projects ~~that are~~ within more than
139 one county, at least one areawide public hearing is ~~shall be~~
140 acceptable and the lead managing agency shall invite a local
141 elected official from each county. The areawide public hearing
142 must ~~shall~~ be held in the county in which the core parcels are
143 located. At least 30 days before the public hearing, notice of
144 the ~~such public~~ hearing must ~~shall~~ be posted on the parcel or
145 project designated for management, advertised in a paper of
146 general circulation, and announced at a scheduled meeting of the
147 local governing body ~~before the actual public hearing.~~

148 3. The management prospectus required pursuant to paragraph
149 (7) (b) must ~~shall~~ be available to the public for a period of 30
150 days before the public hearing.

151 (c) Once a plan is adopted, the managing agency or entity
152 shall update the plan at least every 10 years in a form and
153 manner adopted by rule of the board. Such updates, for parcels
154 over 160 acres and for parcels located within a state park, must
155 ~~shall~~ be developed with input from an advisory group. Such plans



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156 may include transfers of leasehold interests to appropriate
157 conservation organizations or governmental entities designated
158 by the council for uses consistent with the purposes of the
159 organizations and the protection, preservation, conservation,
160 restoration, and proper management of the lands and their
161 resources. Volunteer management assistance is encouraged,
162 including, but not limited to, assistance by youths
163 participating in programs sponsored by state or local agencies,
164 by volunteers sponsored by environmental or civic organizations,
165 and by individuals participating in programs for committed
166 delinquents and adults.

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168 By July 1 of each year, each governmental agency and each
169 private entity designated to manage lands shall report to the
170 Secretary of Environmental Protection on the progress of
171 funding, staffing, and resource management of every project for
172 which the agency or entity is responsible.

173 Section 7. By December 1, 2025, the Department of
174 Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the Governor,
175 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
176 Representatives which includes all of the following information
177 regarding the state park system:

178 (1) The number of state parks with amenities or areas that
179 have limited use or are temporarily closed due to needed repairs
180 or inadequate infrastructure necessary to support conservation-
181 based public recreation uses.

182 (2) The system's estimated budget allocation expenditures
183 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, broken down by salaries and
184 benefits, equipment costs, and contracting costs for the



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185 following categories: operations, maintenance and repair, park
186 improvement, and administrative overhead.

187 (3) A plan for addressing any deferred maintenance or
188 repairs in each state park identified in subsection (1),
189 including estimated costs for opening all such amenities or
190 areas no later than July 1, 2035, to ensure access to and the

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192 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

193 And the title is amended as follows:

194 Delete lines 17 - 27

195 and insert:

196 uses"; prohibiting the construction of certain
197 facilities in state parks; making technical changes;
198 amending s. 258.007, F.S.; requiring the division to
199 comply with specified provisions when granting certain
200 privileges, leases, concessions, and permits;
201 authorizing the division to acquire, install, or
202 permit the installation or operation at state parks of
203 campsites and cabins that meet certain requirements;
204 prohibiting the division from authorizing certain uses
205 or construction activities within a state park;
206 providing requirements for any use of a state park or
207 construction activity in a state park; prohibiting the
208 division from installing or permitting the
209 installation of any public lodging establishment at a
210 state park; providing construction; creating s.
211 258.152, F.S.; renaming and designating the St. Marks
212 River Preserve State Park as the Ney Landrum State
213 Park; amending s.