



## State Park and Recreation Commission

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**STAFF REPORT:** Legislative Update  
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**SUBJECT:** California Legislation

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### Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of bills that affect California State Parks. Information contained in this report is accurate as of June 9, 2022. Changes in status may occur between the date this report was prepared and the Commission meeting date.

### CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE

#### **Senate Bill 1012 (Glazer) State parks: open fires.**

**Summary:** The bill would require all state parks to obey and enforce local ordinances and rules relating to open fires at least as restrictive as those rules adopted by a local fire department or fire protection district, as specified.

**Status:** This bill has been referred to Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

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#### **Assembly Bill 30 (Katra) Equitable Outdoor Access Act.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish state policy that all Californians should have safe and affordable access to nature and its benefits, as specified. Additionally, this bill would require all relevant state agencies, boards, and commissions, when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, grant criteria, or making expenditures, to incorporate this policy.

**Status:** This bill has been re-referred to Senate Appropriations Committee.

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#### **Assembly Bill 1655 (Jones-Sawyer): State holidays: Juneteenth.**

**Summary:** This bill would establish June 19<sup>th</sup>, known as “Juneteenth,” as a state holiday and would make corresponding statutory changes authorizing state employees to receive 8 hours of “holiday credit” to celebrate Juneteenth, in lieu of 8 hours of “personal holiday credit”, as specified.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Governmental Organization Committee on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 1789 (Bennett) Outdoor recreation: California Recreational Trails System Plan: State Park and Recreation Commission.**

**Summary:** The bill would: 1) expand the powers and duties of the California State Park Commission to include trail planning with local jurisdictions, pursuing investments to expand trail access, and advising the Director on preparation of the California Recreational Trails System Plan; 2) require the Department to update and submit the Plan to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2024, including a requirement for triennial updates; and 3) amend PRC 5019.53 to include “biking” as an activity in state parks.

**Status:** This bill has been referred to Senate Natural Resources Committee.

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**Assembly Bill 1909 (Friedman) Vehicles: bicycle omnibus bill.**

**Summary:** The bill would eliminate the Department’s authority to ban Class 1 and 2 electric bicycles on State Park trails and would also eliminate the statewide ban of Class 3 electric bicycles on trails, as specified.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Transportation Committee on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 2128 (Cooley) State parks: California Admission Day: discounted admission.**

**Summary:** This bill would require the Department to offer a 50% discount for day-use admission to the State Park System on “California Admission Day”, September 9<sup>th</sup>. This discount would only apply to those parks operated by the Department.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 2535 (E. Garcia) Recreation and park districts: grants: playgrounds: disability access.**

**Summary:** The bill would prohibit the Department and any other state agency from awarding grant funds to a Regional Park District for a playground project unless the project includes “sensory-stimulating activities and equipment designed to be inclusive for kids on the autism spectrum”. This requirement would apply to grant applications submitted on and after January 1, 2023, and only to the extent that the requirements do not conflict with the terms and conditions of an existing grant program, bond funding or other funding source, as specified.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Assembly Bill 2975 (WP&W) Department of Parks and Recreation: community access agreements: interpretive services and visitor services.**

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the Department to enter into “community access agreements” with eligible entities, to provide interpretive and visitor services for

underserved communities at units of the State Parks System. These agreements must be consistent with the Department's mission and the resource values of the participating unit(s) and can include Department personnel resources, free or reduced-cost access to state parks, and programming, as specified. The bill would require the Department to report to the Legislature on implementation of these agreement, public benefits, and program viability, on or before December 31, 2027. The bill also includes a January 1, 2028, sunset.

**Status:** This bill is scheduled to be heard in Senate Natural Resources Committee on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Commission Action**

For information only

### **Attachments**

None