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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Smith	DATE TYPED	2/8/2005	HB	
SHORT TITL	Expand Certain State	e Parks		SB	SJM 16
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REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	_		
		Indeterminate	Recurring	State Parks Operat- ing Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 16 requests the State Parks Division (SPD) of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department acquire lands adjacent to City of Rocks State Park, Living Desert Zoo and Gardens State Park, Conchas Lake State Park and Oasis State Park. This joint memorial also provides the legislative authorization necessary for SPD to acquire these lands if and when they become available.

Significant Issues

Private property owners have approached SPD regarding interest in selling property adjacent to the state parks identified. If authorized, these properties could be acquired through a combination of purchase and donation.

SPD notes that by acquiring these lands, SPD would obtain significant areas rich in unique natural, cultural, and recreational resources.

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PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The acquisitions would protect unique resources as well as allow SPD to offer diverse new recreational and educational opportunities that are currently not available, such as expanded trail systems.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial only authorizes the acquisition of lands adjacent to the existing parks identified. The division anticipates using existing appropriations to fund these acquisitions.

Recurring costs and potential revenues from the land identified for acquisition have not been identified nor has analysis been conducted.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Any administrative support necessary can be absorbed through existing resources,

PA/yr