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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: SCONCS DATE TYPED: 03/20/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: State Park Law Officer Assistance SB CS/105/aHJC

ANALYST: Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			Minimal		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 85

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC amendment

The House Judiciary Committee (HJC) amendment to the amended Senate Bill 105 clarifies that State Parks Division employees who are certified law enforcement officers are also state park law enforcement officers.

Synopsis of Original Bill

The Senate Conservation Committee Substitute to Senate Bill 105 proposes to allow state park employees, who are certified law enforcement officers, to assist duly qualified full-time peace officers in emergency situations occurring outside of state park boundaries. The bill adds a definition of emergency. The bill also makes minor corrections to the statute.

Significant Issues

The committee substitute addresses several of the concerns presented by the State Parks Division. It adds a definition of emergency, clarifies that State Parks certified law enforcement must

first ensure safety within the park before responding to an emergency outside of the park boundaries, and clarifies that state park certified law enforcement have police powers outside of the park boundaries.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation. Overtime, depending on the number of emergency responses, could add a fiscal impact for EMNRD.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The State Parks Division would be required to promulgate rules to establish this increased responsibility for park employees.

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