SENATE BILL 21-112

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CONCERNING A 2020-21 STATE FISCAL YEAR TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION FUND FOR INCREASED ACCESS AT CERTAIN STATE PARKS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly increased state parks usage, against a backdrop of growth in recent years, as Colorado residents seek outdoor and socially distanced activities. State parks usage grew by 2.2 million visitor days from the 2014-15 state fiscal year and a further thirty percent during the spring of 2020.

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) Accelerating the development of Fishers Peak State Park and improving amenities at eleven other state parks will relieve pressure from such high usage and prepare for future demand.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-75-302, **amend** (2)(kk) and (2)(ll); and **add** (2)(mm) as follows:

24-75-302. Capital construction fund - capital assessment fees - calculation - information technology capital account. (2) The controller shall transfer a sum as specified in this subsection (2) from the general fund to the capital construction fund as money becomes available in the general fund during the fiscal year beginning on July 1 of the fiscal year in which the transfer is made. Transfers between funds pursuant to this subsection (2) are not appropriations subject to the limitations of section 24-75-201.1. The amounts transferred pursuant to this subsection (2) are as follows:

(kk) On July 1, 2020, two million forty-three thousand seven hundred sixty-eight dollars; ~~and~~

(ll) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, one million dollars under S.B. 20-003, enacted in 2020; AND

(mm) ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(mm), FOR THE 2020-21 STATE FISCAL YEAR, TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS UNDER S.B. 21-112, ENACTED IN 2021.

SECTION 3. Capital construction appropriation. (1) For the 2020-21 state fiscal year, $20,000,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the division of parks and wildlife. This appropriation is from the capital construction fund created in section 24-75-302, C.R.S. To implement this act, the division of parks and wildlife may use this appropriation for capital construction related to infrastructure development projects at Boyd Lake State Park in Larimer county, Lake Pueblo State Park in Pueblo county, Fishers Peak State Park in Las Animas county, Cherry Creek State Park in Arapahoe county, the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area in Chaffee county, Ridgway State Park in Ouray county, Steamboat Lake State Park in Routt county, North Sterling State Park in Logan county, Chatfield State Park in Douglas and Jefferson counties, the Cameo Shooting and Education Complex in Mesa county,

Jackson Lake State Park in Morgan county, and Navajo State Park in Archuleta county.

(2) The appropriations made in subsection (1) of this section are available upon passage of this act, and if any appropriation project is initiated within the fiscal year, the appropriation for the project remains available until completion of the project or for three years, whichever comes first, at which time the unexpended and unencumbered balance reverts to the capital construction fund.

SECTION 4. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

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