



# IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

## BILL AND AMENDMENT SUMMARY

### State Parks and Recreation Areas-Dynamic Pricing HF 619/SF 2389

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**Status of Bill:** House Unfinished Business Calendar

**Committee:** House Ways and Means (24-0); Senate (47-0)

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### Background

Currently the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has to go through the rules process to change fees for state parks and recreation areas. The DNR hasn't gone through the rules process to change fees since 2000.

### Summary

The bill gives the DNR the ability to set dynamic pricing at the state parks and recreation areas. Dynamic pricing will give the DNR flexibility to set the prices of campsites, cabin rentals, and other recreational facilities, based on market demand. The DNR has to go through the rules process to establish their methodology for establishing fees but after that, the department can set the prices they would like within the range permitted by the rules committee. The DNR can use the extra money for updates and repairs to state parks.

### Amendment Summaries

#### **H-1405 by Rep. Bacon**

Mandates the DNR report annually to the park advisory oversight committee with information about their fees and occupancy rates. The park advisory oversight committee is comprised of chairs, vice chairs, and ranking members of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment and House Natural Resources Committee. The committee is mandated to meet annually and submit recommendations to the respective standing committees. (most likely will be withdrawn)

#### **H-8006 by Maxwell**

Mandates the DNR submit an annual report to the Legislature about the camping and rental facility fees and any promotional events or holiday pricing where fees were changed or waved. (most likely will be withdrawn).

#### **H-8199 by Rep. Maxwell**

Mandates the DNR set reasonably competitive rates for each park using other public parks and recreational areas within 30 miles of each park. (most likely will be withdrawn)

#### **H-8335 by Rep. Maxwell**

Conforms the House File to the Senate File. Mandates the DNR set reasonably competitive rates for each park using other public parks and recreational areas within 60 miles of each park. It also mandates the DNR submit an annual report to the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee about the camping and rental facility fees and any promotional events or holiday pricing where fees were changed or waved.

