

Subject: SF 4200, HF 3992 - Regional Parks System Operations and Maintenance Technical Amendment Proposal

Dear Honorable Legislators:

On behalf of the regional park implementing agencies that make up the Metropolitan Regional Parks System, we are writing to express our support for SF4200 / HF3992. This bill would modify the Regional Parks operations and maintenance (O&M) reimbursement process to use the most recent audited financial statements as the basis for determining O&M allocations. Additionally, this technical change would provide agencies with adequate time to complete a more robust review process for determining O&M expenses while also meeting statutory deadlines.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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