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HOUSE BILL NO. 1327

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In the following space note the fiscal effect in dollars of the legislative proposal. If additional space is needed, attach a supplementary sheet. (Please type)

There has been continuing public interest expressed in creating and maintaining not only recreation areas, but also trails through State Forest lands of the Turtle Mountains. These include trails for snowmobiles, cross-country skiers, hiking, and snowshoeing. In order to accomplish this, additional funds are needed for State Forest recreation management.

Income can be derived from charging a user fee for State Forests and recreation areas and from State Forest land leases. The income could cover the expense needed for collecting the fee, aid in maintaining the areas, apply some of the silvicultural practices needed on State Forests, and reimburse the County for tax revenue losses. The expenditure would not exceed all income from Forest land uses. It is estimated the following funds are needed for the 1979-81 biennium:

Salaries	\$31,951
Operating Expenses	37,000
Equipment	<u>10,900</u>
Total	<u>\$79,851</u>

Expenditures would be adjusted periodically to stay within estimated income. Estimated income from recreational uses (per biennium):

User fee (3 areas only in Turtle Mountains)

A. Daily visits	\$40,000
B. Overnite camping	<u>40,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$80,000</u>

The income and expenditures are listed in the 1979-81 biennial budget. \$79,851 is included in the Executive Budget.

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