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HOUSE FILE

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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 359)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the development and use of certain public
 2 lands for multipurpose trails.
 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 601

1 Section 1. Section 461A.15, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 461A.15 USE OF PRIVATE FUNDS.

4 1. The commission may permit the improvement of parks,
5 when established, or the improvement of bodies of water, upon
6 the border of which such parks may be established, by the
7 expenditure of private funds, such improvement to be done,
8 however, under the direction of the commission, by and with
9 the consent of the executive council.

10 2. a. Subject to compliance with development and
11 maintenance plans, the commission shall enter into an
12 agreement with one or more private organizations to finance,
13 develop, and maintain one or more multipurpose trails in
14 public areas owned by the United States corps of engineers and
15 managed by the department. The agreement shall provide for
16 the development and long-term maintenance of a multipurpose
17 trail by the private organization. A multipurpose trail shall
18 be developed for multiple uses including, but not limited to,
19 foot traffic, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, horseback
20 riding, and incidental uses.

21 b. As used in the subsection:

22 (1) "Incidental use" means the use of any public area for
23 riding horses for the following purposes:

24 (a) Traveling from a designated watering station to a
25 trailhead.

26 (b) Leaving a trail to rest.

27 (c) Allowing others to pass.

28 (d) Participating in an authorized field trial.

29 (e) Hunting at any time during a hunting season.

30 (f) Horse pleasure riding where a formal trail has not
31 been designated but where riding is permitted.

32 (2) "Public area" means any park, recreation area, forest,
33 preserve, game management area, wildlife area, or public
34 hunting area under the jurisdiction of the department.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill codifies the terms "public area" and "incidental
2 use" as they relate to riding horses on public lands and
3 trails under the jurisdiction of the department of natural
4 resources.

5 The bill also provides that, subject to compliance with
6 development and maintenance plans, the natural resource
7 commission shall enter into an agreement with private
8 organizations to finance, develop, and maintain multipurpose
9 trails. The trails are to be designed and developed for
10 multiple uses including, but not limited to, foot traffic,
11 snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding.

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FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for House File 601 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 601 requires the Natural Resource Commission to enter into an agreement with private organizations to finance, develop, and maintain multipurpose trails, as long as the trails comply with development and maintenance plans, on lands owned by the United States Corps of Engineers and managed by the Department of Natural Resources.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of this Bill can not be determined.

SOURCE

Department of Natural Resources

(LSB 2376hv, AMF)

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