

HCS HB 600 -- STATE PARKS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill renames "Jay Nixon State Park" to "Proffit Mountain State Park." Any costs associated with the renaming are to be paid by the Department of Natural Resources.

This bill is the same as SB 294 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Governor Nixon's administration used the proceeds of a legal settlement to purchase the property for the park even though the funds were suppose to be used to remediate lead mining damage in the area. The property was at the center of a fatal conflict, and the community would like to see it named "Proffit Mountain," which is how it is known to local residents.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater and Troy Jones.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.