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ON

Senate Bill 2487- RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION

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Senate Bill 2487 specifies permissible activities of groups leasing campsites on State parks or public lands. The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports the intent of the bill and offers the following comment. The phrase "or both," following the phrase "fishing, ocean and marine conservation, and forestry," of the proposed new language is unnecessary and may in fact create some ambiguity as to which of the three category of activities is being referred. The preceding phrase "including but not limited to" is sufficient to specify that any one or a combination of those activities are allowed, without exclusion of other activities that may qualify as youth athletic or educational activities.