

Submitter: Carl Switzer
On Behalf Of: Washington County Parks
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3209

Washington County is in strong support of HB 3209. Public facility operation and service provision continue to see a significant divergence between costs and operational funding. RV fees, which provide critical revenue share dollars for county parks, have not been increased in a quarter century. Increasing these fees will allow some measure of continuity of operation and service provision during a season of budget reductions and program eliminations. Our deferred maintenance backlog continues to grow and without additional funding some areas of some parks may require closure for public safety which diminishes universal access to parks and nature. Parks and nature access of course are critical to community and public health. Washington County strongly encourages the passage of HB 3209.