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HB4753 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Rep. David Mead

Committee: HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

Analyst(s): Lindquist, Kirk

Completed: 11/28/01

State Fiscal Impact

Cost: Indeterminate/Increase
Revenues: Indeterminate/Increase

Local Fiscal Impact

Cost: None
Revenues: None

This bill would increase the authorized fund balance (generated by land sale revenue) in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million. The Department of Natural Resources may designate as "surplus" any state owned land that is under its control, provided the land has been dedicated for public use for 5 years, or more. Section 2135 (a) provides that only land purchases authorized in a Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriations bill, may be acquired with Land Exchange Facilitation Fund revenue. These appropriation bills usually include lump sum appropriations for state parks, inland lake access sites, and boating projects.

The Land Exchange Facilitation Fund was established to make it possible for the Department to purchase or exchange inholdings or purchase highly desirable parcels within or adjacent to DNR owned property. This bill would allow the department to declare "surplus" a parcel valued at \$2,500,000 or less, and use the proceeds to buy recreational or scenic land (provided the parcel is included, or if the purchase is authorized, in a Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation act).