

Legislative Analysis



COUNTY PARK SYSTEM REVENUE

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House Bill 5719

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Committee: Local, Intergovernmental, and Regional Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5719 AS INTRODUCED 6-1-12

House Bill 5719 would amend Public Act 261 of 1965, which prescribes the powers and duties of county and regional parks and recreations commissions (MCL 46.351- 46.367), to clarify the distribution of county park system revenue.

The bill specifies it would apply only to a charter county with a population of 1,500,000 or more. (Only Wayne County meets this population threshold.)

The bill requires that any funds received by a county from fees, charges, gifts, or taxes authorized by a vote of electors to support the operation of a county park system be apportioned among the cities, villages, and townships of the county based on the following criteria:

- 50 percent of the money collected would be expended for projects and portions of the park system in the city, village, or township from which the money was received;
- 50 percent of the money collected would be expended for the general operation of the entire county park system.

FISCAL IMPACT:

As written, the bill could potentially redistribute park system revenue in a different manner than is currently practiced, but there would be no overall change in the total amount of revenue generated.

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