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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 15**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the establishment of the Office of Outdoor Recreation Development within the Indiana Destination Development Corporation.

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January 21, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.
January 30, 2020, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 establishment of the Office of Outdoor Recreation
3 Development within the Indiana Destination Development
4 Corporation.

5 *Whereas, The critical importance of Indiana's outdoor*
6 *recreation industry for tourism and economic development*
7 *cannot be overstated: 143,000 jobs for Hoosiers, \$15.7 billion*
8 *in annual consumer spending, and \$1.1 billion in state and*
9 *local tax revenue generated annually;*

10 *Whereas, Indiana's outdoor recreation industry not only*
11 *includes state parks, trails, and water and snow resources, but*
12 *many different activities and outdoor sports including hunting,*
13 *fishing, camping, bicycling, boating, horseback riding, and*
14 *motorcycling and other motorsports;*

15 *Whereas, Increased development and promotion of*
16 *Indiana's outdoor recreation industry will create a better*
17 *quality of place for Indiana residents and will attract potential*
18 *residents to move to Indiana; and*

19 *Whereas, Establishing an office dedicated to developing*
20 *and promoting Indiana's outdoor recreation industry is critical*
21 *to the industry's future economic success: Therefore,*

22 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
23 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
24 *concurring:*

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1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
 2 establishment of the Office of Outdoor Recreation
 3 Development ("Office") within the Indiana Destination
 4 Development Corporation established by IC 5-33-3-1.

5 SECTION 2. (a) As used in this section, "outdoor
 6 recreation" means a recreational activity that occurs outdoors in
 7 a natural environment, including the use of:

- 8 (1) trails;
- 9 (2) the natural landscape;
- 10 (3) water resources;
- 11 (4) snow resources; and
- 12 (5) other resources.

13 (b) If established, the Office should do the following:

- 14 (1) Increase outdoor recreation-based economic
 15 development, tourism, and ecotourism in Indiana by:
 16 (A) attracting outdoor recreation industries to
 17 Indiana;
- 18 (B) developing the growth of new business
 19 opportunities in Indiana; and
- 20 (C) marketing, advertising, and securing media
 21 opportunities that reflect the opportunities for
 22 outdoor recreation in Indiana.
- 23 (2) Promote the growth of the outdoor recreation
 24 economy in Indiana to support:
 25 (A) economic growth; and
 26 (B) stewardship and conservation of natural
 27 resources in Indiana.
- 28 (3) Coordinate with federal and state agencies and
 29 local government entities in Indiana on matters related
 30 to the purposes set forth in this section when the Office
 31 determines that coordination is necessary or beneficial.
- 32 (4) Recommend to the governor policies and initiatives
 33 to enhance recreational amenities and experiences in
 34 Indiana, help implement those policies and initiatives,
 35 and report on the impacts of implemented policies and
 36 initiatives, developing and supporting the development
 37 of data regarding the impacts of outdoor recreation in
 38 Indiana while ensuring national data are used as a
 39 benchmark factor in agency decisionmaking.
- 40 (5) Promote the health and social benefits of outdoor



- 1 recreation.
- 2 (6) Advocate on behalf of Indiana for federal funding
- 3 and participation in federal programs, including any
- 4 funding opportunities that are available through:
 - 5 (A) the Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - 6 established by 54 U.S.C. 200302;
 - 7 (B) the Sport Fish Restoration Program; and
 - 8 (C) the National Forest System Trail Stewardship
 - 9 Partnership Funding Program.
- 10 (7) Create and maintain a statewide list of lands to be
- 11 conserved, enhanced, and publicized for outdoor
- 12 recreation.

13 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
14 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Governor Eric
15 Holcomb, Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, and Elaine
16 Bedel, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana
17 Destination Development Corporation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Natural Resources, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 15 as introduced.)

GLICK, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

