

HB 1712 - DIGEST

Requires the state parks and recreation commission to initiate and complete an in-depth review and full planning process to address the immediate and long-term potential future impacts to Saint Edward state park arising from the planned expansion of Bastyr University. The planning process must, at a minimum, consider the impacts on: (1) Traffic in and around the park, including all access roads;

(2) Emergency vehicle access;

(3) Parking in the park;

(4) The adequacy of the park's utilities;

(5) The impacts of increased use of the facilities, including the swimming pool, the gymnasium, the sports field, the great lawn, and hiking and biking trails; and

(6) The impacts of increased use on the flora and fauna of the park.

Requires the documents required by this act to be completed and reported to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2008. Prior to the final adoption of the required documents, the state parks and recreation commission shall conduct at least one public hearing on the draft documents in a community near Saint Edward state park.