

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1996

Introduced by Beutler, 28

AN ACT relating to recreational trails; to provide for user fees; to create the position of State Recreational Trails Coordinator; to eliminate a termination date; to provide for the revival of sections 81-815.55 and 81-815.56, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to outright repeal section 81-815.57, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. A state agency or political subdivision which owns or operates a recreational trail may establish and collect a user fee or a voluntary fee for the use of the trail as determined by the state agency or political subdivision. The fees shall be accounted for separately and shall be used for trail maintenance, operation, and acquisition.

Sec. 2. (1) The position of State Recreational Trails Coordinator is established. The coordinator shall be appointed by the Game and Parks Commission. Necessary office space, furniture, equipment, and supplies as well as necessary professional, technical, and clerical assistance shall be provided by the commission.

(2) The duties of the State Recreational Trails Coordinator shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Maintaining and updating the Nebraska Comprehensive Trails Plan. For purposes of this section, Nebraska Comprehensive Trails Plan means the document dated July 1994 and entitled A Network of Discovery: A Comprehensive Trails Plan for the State of Nebraska;

(b) Marketing and promoting trails across the state;

(c) Maintaining and updating an inventory of trails programs in Nebraska;

(d) Providing a central point for exchanging information among communities with trails programs;

(e) Providing organizational and technical assistance to communities and regional groups;

(f) Managing the state trails application and evaluation process;

(g) Coordinating state government's trails development efforts and administering the state trails program;

(h) Preparing and publishing an annual report on trails development in the state;

(i) Monitoring and filing paperwork on rail abandonments when necessary, consistent with rail-watch corridors established by the Nebraska Comprehensive Trails Plan or its updates; and

(j) Managing other right-of-way acquisition efforts when state involvement becomes necessary.

Sec. 3. Pursuant to section 49-302, specific provision is now made for the revival of sections 81-815.55 and 81-815.56, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Sec. 4. The following section is outright repealed: Section 81-815.57, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.