

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17

Introduced by Quick, 35.

WHEREAS, the city of Grand Island currently owns Camp Augustine, a 156-acre campground formerly owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and located adjacent to Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission has indicated an interest in a potential partnership with the city of Grand Island to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system to be managed in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, before the Game and Parks Commission may provide a local governmental subdivision with an indication of intent to incorporate any land or facilities owned or developed by such subdivision into the state park system, such indication of intent must first be approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission will provide the Legislature with an estimated fiscal impact of the incorporation, including the extent to which the costs of the incorporation can reasonably be expected to be paid from cash funds and the extent to which the costs will likely be required to be paid from General Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Camp Augustine into the state park system, either in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area, will create significant benefits for the Grand Island area and the people of Nebraska, including expanded hiking and biking trails, river access, and campgrounds and the ability to host local, regional, and statewide outdoor events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That pursuant to section 37-342 the Legislature approves the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system.

2. That such approval is granted with the understanding that the costs of such incorporation will need to be approved as part of the normal budgeting process of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.