

bill about the setting up of a, I guess I would call it more of a bureaucracy to handle all of these. I guess some of that is already in place. Is that right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, at Game and Parks they actually already have somebody started on this because they're working at it through the Cowboy Trail.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I understand that part, but the question...I guess the only thing that bothers me is that some of that is there and is being done. But how much more is this going to add to it as this thing evolves and becomes more and more comprehensive? Is it going to become more of another...another established commission within the Game and Parks that's going to have to handle just trails? I suppose there's enough...enough of it being done that...that it's going to take more people, obviously, to manage all the paper work, right?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, it certainly wouldn't be any additional bureaucracy in the sense of additional commission or that kind of structuring. However, you're absolutely correct in the sense that it is taking...it will take a person, given the level of activity on recreational trails, to coordinate and to take care of the leasing of lands and all of the various aspects and to...and to set up the user fees. It's an addition that eventually user fees, Game and Parks intends to fund the coordinator position out of user fees eventually. That's the other part of this bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: This then...bringing me back to my original purpose of bringing up the issue at all and that is when you go back to the user fee it says that they may establish and collect a user fee or voluntary fee for the use. It says that they may, in other words, they don't have to. And I guess my whole point is, are we going to be taking money out of the Game and Parks if we don't decide? Because it says they may, they don't have to do it. Where will those funds come from to maintain those trails if you...are you going to come in for General Fund money to maintain those trails, or how are you going to do it? Because it's going to take a lot of money after a while when you get enough of them established, obviously.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I'm...every place in the nation they use user fees, and I would expect that there would be no...no reason here not to use user fees, I think the word "may" is in there