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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1262

Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Due to the negative impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, LB 1262 establishes the Recreation Area Assistance Act ("Act") with the intent of appropriating eight million dollars from federal ARPA funds for various projects at recreation areas containing a lake or reservoir of at least three thousand but not more than twenty thousand surface area in size.

The Game and Parks Commission shall carry out the purposes of the Act.

Projects at recreation areas would include:

- Provide new or refurbished boating docks;
- Improve access roads and related infrastructure for the recreation area;
- Improve Internet access and telecommunications service for the recreation area;
- Promote the use of the recreation area and related tourism attractions, including, but not limited to, splash pads, dog parks, and dog runs;
- Create recreational trails;
- Promote fishing and create fish cleaning stations;
- Create tourist attractions;
- Create kayak landings; and
- Create and improve camping and recreational vehicle sites.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Murman