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Testimony in Assembly Government Affairs Committee

In Opposition

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When this bill was considered during the 2001 Session several questions arose as to how this fee was to be implemented.

What is the need for parks? Are there funds available for maintenance of these parks? For that matter are funds available for the proper maintenance of existing parks? Is this tax creating another form of structural deficit?

Some lands for parks have been purchased from BLM at a \$1.00/ acre, a nominal fee.

So, what is this money for?

How much money does it raise?

In a year dominated by tax discussions, how does this tax fit in? What about other priorities? For example there are already pay increase bills for local and state government entities, etc. How does a park fund fit in?

As for the tax itself:

Is industrial property included?

The fee is not fairly structured. There is an advantage to large developers over small developers. If that inequity is to be alleviated there should be a much lower rate applied to the whole valuation.

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