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The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chairman
and the House Resource, Recreation and Development Committee
NH State House, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 324 relative to the use of funds generated by the Hampton Beach parking facilities.

Dear Chairman Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Division of Parks and Recreation in the Department of Resources and Economic Development fully supports SB 324. The bill would increase the funds available to support maintenance and operation of the new \$14.5 million facility at Hampton Beach State Park by reallocating the parking meters revenue from capital expenditures to operating expenses.

With two new bathhouses and additional second and third floor space, we now need operational funds rather than capital funds. The new facilities are roughly twice the square footage of the buildings that were there before and the number of toilets has increased by a third. The new facilities contain newer and more sophisticated systems, such a new HVAC (heating and air conditioning) system, elevators, and more extensive landscaping and signage. We all also have high expectations regarding how well the new facilities and surrounding beach environment is maintained for visitors.

The parking meters generated \$1.54 million in fiscal 2011, and for the current fiscal year, we are slightly ahead of where we were last year at this time. Based upon this revenue, this legislation would make an additional \$165,000 available for building operations and maintenance. We are not requesting any additional funding, just that we be granted the ability to use the revenue generated by the parking meters where there is the greatest need.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions and thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip A. Bryce".

Philip A. Bryce
Director

C: George M. Bald, Commissioner

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