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Senate Bill 166 (as reported with amendment)

Sponsor: Senator Connie Binsfeld

Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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RATIONALE

Approximately 2.8 acres of land in Leland Township were acquired by the Department of Natural Resources in the 1940s for use as fishing access sites on Lake Leelanau. Recent evaluations by the Department's Recreation Division, however, have found that shallow water conditions offshore make the sites more desirable for swimming and picnicking than for boating. Therefore, it has been suggested that the land be incorporated into existing township parks for public recreation purposes.

CONTENT

The bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to convey two parcels of land totaling 2.8 acres to the Township of Leland for \$1. The property could be used only for public park purposes. If it were no longer used for that purpose or if it were used for any other purpose, title to the property would revert immediately to the State and the State would not be liable for any improvements made by Leland Township or Leelanau County. Conveyance of the property would have to be by quitclaim deed approved by the Attorney General, and reserve to the State all rights to coal, oil, gas, and other minerals. Revenue from the conveyance would be credited to the General Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact. The Department of Natural Resources has made an annual payment of \$2,213.94 to

Leland Township, which would no longer be made under this bill.

ARGUMENTS**Supporting Argument**

The bill would enable Leland Township to make better use of the public access sites on Lake Leelanau by incorporating them into the existing public recreation areas in the township's parks.

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