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Senate Bill 398 (Substitute S-3)
Sponsor: Senator Tony Stamas
Committee: Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 741 (State Parks System) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the Natural Resources Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, to submit a plan that would promote multijurisdictional recreational opportunities for residents of and visitors to the Great Lakes region. The Commission would have submit the plan, within one year after the bill's effective date, to the Governor and the standing committees of the Legislature with primary jurisdiction over natural resources and the environment.

The plan would have to include mechanisms to share recreational opportunities such as snowmobiling, boating, off-road vehicle use, hunting, fishing, and other recreational pursuits within the Great Lakes states. The plan also would have to include mechanisms to expand tourism related to the pursuit of recreational opportunities within the Great Lakes states.

In addition, the plan would have to include recommendations on a program that would allow Michigan to work with other states, local units of government, and the Federal government to create a multiuse, multijurisdictional recreational pass that would allow residents of and visitors to the Great Lakes states to enjoy recreational opportunities within those states.

Proposed MCL 324.74126

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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