

Citizen Resolution # 131222

(For Hearing Officer completion)



DNR support for Every Kid Outdoors Legislation

Issue: In the 2021 Conservation Congress, the most widely supported resolution, with 92% support, was for the Conservation Congress to work with the DNR to accept Every Kid Outdoors passes at state parks in Wisconsin. Following this, Assembly Bill 375/Senate Bill 376 was introduced to implement this policy. It received bipartisan support and passed committees in both the Senate and Assembly but did not make it to the full legislature for a vote. The DNR testified "for information only" on this program. National Every Kid Outdoors was started in 2015 and gives 4th graders and their families 1-year free access to national parks. Since then, several states have begun to accept these passes at their state parks to introduce new people to their state park system. Most 4th graders are registered by their teachers for the national program so all that Wisconsin would have to do is accept these passes at state parks; there would be no separate applications to handle.

Do you support the Conservation Congress encouraging the DNR to register in support of proposed legislation for the DNR to accept Every Kid Outdoors passes at state parks in Wisconsin?

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