



Texas Municipal Parks, Recreation and Tourism Association

TMPRTA Position HB 1 / SB 1 Article VI

The Texas Municipal Parks, Recreation and Tourism Association (TMPRTA) takes the following position on SB 1/HB 1:

- **TMPRTA opposes the proposed 96% reduction to the Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) used to provide financial assistance to local parks and open space projects.** Local parks across the State of Texas lead to the creation of 45,623 jobs through their maintenance and operations activity, capital investment and direct tourism. The incremental net fiscal revenue to the State government from local parks activity is approximately \$171.6 million per year according to the Perryman Group in 2006.
- **TMPRTA supports the acceptance of Federal Pass Through Dollars to be used for Local Parks, Trails and Open Space Projects from the U.S. Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and Sport Fish Restoration Boat Access program, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Recreation Trails program.**
- **TMPRTA opposes the closure of any State Park Facilities.** Our State Park system is an economic engine that generates “new” money to the local economies in locations where State Parks are located. Closing State Parks decreases tourism and eliminates tourism revenue from several local economies. State Park users contribute to the local economies in which these facilities are located through the purchase of supplies, food and other recreational equipment.

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TMPRTA is an affiliate organization of the Texas Municipal League (TML). TML collectively represents 1,117 member cities in Texas encompassing more than 99 percent of the state’s urban citizens consisting of approximately 14,000 mayors, councilmembers, city managers, city attorneys and department heads.