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Prime Sponsor: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife & Cultural Resources Interim Committee
Catch Title: **State park peace officers-definition and scope of authority.**
Has Report: No
Subject: State park peace officers-definition and scope of authority.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Existing law defines "peace officer" and "law enforcement officer" to include any superintendent, assistant superintendent, or full-time park ranger of a state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site when acting within the boundaries of the state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site, or when responding to a request to assist other peace officers.
- This bill amends the definitions of "peace officer" and "law enforcement officer" to remove the requirement that park rangers be full-time and to add district managers and reserve park rangers of any state park, state recreation area, state archeological site or state historic site that are otherwise qualified under law.
- The bill also removes the requirement that the state park peace officers be responding to a request to assist other peace officers and specifies that a state park employee who is otherwise qualified as a peace officer or law enforcement officer meets the definition of a peace officer or law enforcement officer when enforcing felony statutes following observation or discovery of the commission of a felony that was observed or discovered during the performance of their official duties.

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