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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

House Committee on Ways and Means

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Senate Committee on Finance

FROM:

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RE:

Non-Fee Bill Fee Proposals

DATE:

1/24/2019

While receiving submissions for this year's fee bill, several departments provided fee changes despite having the authority to change their fees outside of the standard fee bill process. There were twelve fees that were submitted, but don't require legislative approval, from three departments, totaling \$392,668 in increased annual revenue. The list below provides a breakout of the departments, fee increases, anticipated revenue, and means of adjusting the fees.

Fish and Wildlife: Increases rental fees for two meeting rooms and their summer camp tuition (from \$200 to \$200-\$400 depending on income) for a total annual increase of \$20,000. These changes are intended to be made through the rule making process.

Forest, Parks and Recreation: There are increases for existing lean-to (\$3 increase to average of \$29), cabin (\$4 increase to \$52), and tent (\$2 increase to \$18-\$24) camping rates for a total annual increase of \$336,000. There are also two new fees for camping at Waterbury Reservoir (\$5) and day use at Lowell Lake (standard park rate of \$4 for adult and \$2 for child) for a total annual increase of \$35,000. These changes are intended to be made by the Commissioner of Forest, Parks and Recreation.

Criminal Justice Training Council: Increases the firing range use fee (\$.50 increase to \$3.00) and lodging (\$1 increase to \$21) for a total annual increase of \$1,667. These changes are intended to be made by the Criminal Justice Training Council.

