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(natural resources protection)

**ANALYSIS BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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1 Proposition \_\_\_ would provide that all students from pre-kindergarten through  
2 grade twelve must be admitted free to any state park or monument when part of a group  
3 educational trip.

4 Proposition \_\_\_ also would create the "Arizona natural resources protection act  
5 fund", consisting of public and private gifts and amounts deposited into the fund through  
6 a voluntary fourteen dollar donation to the Arizona natural resources protection act fund  
7 made whenever a person registers a noncommercial motor vehicle, unless the person opts  
8 out of making the voluntary donation. The State Parks Board would annually use at least  
9 the first ten million dollars in the fund to provide grants to public and private entities for  
10 projects in this state relating to wildlife, archeological sites, multi-purpose use of public  
11 land, historic preservation, outdoor recreation, environmental improvement, trails and  
12 off-road vehicles. At least forty per cent of the grants must be allocated to Arizona cities  
13 and towns. Additional monies remaining in the fund could be used to defray the costs of  
14 the free admission requirement for group educational trips, for acquiring, establishing,  
15 improving, operating and maintaining state parks or to conduct activities consistent with  
16 the mission of the State Parks Board. Proposition \_\_\_ also would provide that the  
17 Legislature may not narrow, limit or eliminate the existing purposes, objectives, duties or  
18 powers of the State Parks Board without prior voter consent.

19 In addition, Proposition \_\_\_ would generally repeal and re-enact a number of  
20 existing statutory provisions relating to the funding of various projects and programs  
21 involving natural resources, thereby necessitating that any future amendments of those  
22 provisions by the Legislature must further the purpose of this Proposition, and must be  
23 enacted by a three-fourths vote of each house of the Legislature. Proposition \_\_\_ also  
24 would eliminate the Legislature's authority to appropriate monies designated for various  
25 natural resources programs.