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Senate Bill 430 (as introduced 4-26-01)

Sponsor: Senator Bev Hammerstrom

Committee: Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to extend for two years, until June 10, 2005, the sunset date on Part 751, which establishes outdoor lighting requirements within State-owned land at Lake Hudson designated as a dark sky preserve area.

Under Part 751 of the NREPA, the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) must ensure that outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve is not installed unless necessary for safety, security, or the reasonable use and enjoyment of property within the preserve. The NRC must ensure that outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve does not unreasonably interfere with nighttime activities that require darkness, including the enjoyment of the night sky, nighttime photography, and wildlife photography.

Part 751 also requires the NRC to ensure that all outdoor lighting within a dark sky preserve is directed downward; all lighting is provided by fully shielded fixtures, whenever possible; and outdoor lighting fixtures are motion sensor fixtures, and not fixtures that remain lighted during all hours of darkness.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: P. Graham

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