

ANALYSES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

The following comments supporting or opposing the proposed amendment reflect positions that were presented in committee proceedings, during house or senate floor debate, or in the analysis of the resolution prepared by the House Research Organization (HRO) when the resolution was considered by the House of Representatives.

Comments by Supporters

- Establishing a dedicated state fund for the purchase of land to develop new state parks would provide a stable and long-term funding source that will empower the state to protect Texas' unique natural resources and cultural history while making them accessible to our growing population.
- S.J.R. 74 would afford voters the opportunity to ensure that Texans and visitors alike can continue to enjoy the beauty of Texas' parks for generations to come.
- Texas has lower park acreage per capita than many other states, and visitation to Texas' parks has grown significantly in recent years.
- The current state park system is strained by user demand, with the vast majority of sites requiring reservations months in advance.
- The fund created by the proposed amendment would enable the state to purchase land for the development of new parks before land becomes more costly.
- State parks are a driver of economic activity and provide recreational, educational, and conservation opportunities.

Comments by Opponents

- No opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment was expressed during legislative consideration of the proposal.