

## CHAPTER 157—H.F.No. 1326

*An act relating to economic development; providing a preference for outdoor recreation grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 116J.980, by adding a subdivision.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1990, section 116J.980, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. PREFERENCE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS. In awarding grants under the outdoor recreation grant program, the commissioner shall give special consideration to proposed outdoor recreation projects for which particular need has been demonstrated by the applicant based on, but not limited to, the following factors:

(1) low to moderate income status of persons living adjacent to or most likely to make use of the proposed facility;

(2) lack of adequate transportation or access to existing outdoor recreation facilities by those most likely to use the proposed facility;

(3) the need for outdoor recreation facilities designed to accommodate handicapped persons and other special populations that would be met by the proposed facility;

(4) the overall inadequacy or lack of outdoor recreation facilities within the area to be served by the proposed project;

(5) the need for acquisition of land in fully developed areas with limited opportunities for recreation facility development; and

(6) a high population of school-aged children in the area to be served by the proposed outdoor recreation facility and a lack of appropriate recreation facilities for children.

The commissioner shall incorporate into the annual project ranking process a procedure for awarding additional ranking points to those project applications which demonstrate a special need based on the above or similar factors.

Presented to the governor May 20, 1991

Signed by the governor May 23, 1991, 7:08 p.m.

New language is indicated by underline, deletions by ~~strikeout~~.