




VIRGINIA LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION VOTERS

TO: Members, House Finance Subcommittee #1
FROM: Virginia League of Conservation Voters
DATE: February 5, 2024
RE:  2/5 VaLCV Bill Positions | House Finance Subcommittee #1

On February 2, the House Finance Subcommittee #1 will consider: HB660.

We encourage you to SUPPORT HB660

[HB660 \(Kilgore\) Income tax, corporate; distribution of revenues to state parks](#)

This Legislation Would:

Establish dedicated funding for Virginia State Parks, addressing maintenance needs and providing for free entrance to visitors.

Reasons to SUPPORT HB660:

- Annual operation, and maintenance needs of Virginia State Parks are underfunded and understaffed by 275 positions. Parks need approximately \$111.4 million additional dollars per year to operate effectively, while current budgets are only about \$47 million per year.
- Appropriations from the state's General Fund currently average about \$20 million of the \$47 million total budget, and this appropriation can fluctuate significantly from year to year.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Michael Town, Executive Director of Virginia LCV, at mtown@valcv.org, or Chris Leyen, Policy Director, at cleyen@valcv.org, or 925-354-1433 (mobile).