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DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION of PARKS and RECREATION

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The Honorable Chris Christensen, Chair
and the House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
NH State House, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 1172, an act relative to corrective action implementation of audit findings concerning Cannon Mountain.

Dear Chairman Christensen and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1172 on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation. This legislation allows the agency to address Observation No. 25: Comply with Statutory Requirements presented in the Cannon Mountain Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

The changes to the statutes we are requesting are:

- Eliminating a position in statute that no longer exists;
- Provide updated references to other statutes;
- Eliminate references to Mount Sunapee that are no longer relevant because the ski area is under lease;
- Change the reporting dates to create greater uniformity across the Division in reporting requirements;
- Update the package plan program statute to reflect the actual practice of providing this program to lodging and other businesses;
- Confirm statutory authority to allow commissioner and director to permit the Cannon Mountain manager to grant special daily or seasonal passes in the context of the fee package and overall marketing and promotion efforts; and
- Updating and clarifying the relationship between the director's statutory responsibility to develop a capital development plan and the role of the Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission, which recommends capital improvements to the commissioner each year.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill. We would be glad to answer any questions or provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Bryce
Director

C: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner