

parties or public bodies. The Trail Development Assistance Fund clearly authorizes the Game and Parks Commission to grant monies to either private organizations or public entities for the development of trails, recreational trails. I think arguably, although...again, I'll reiterate that Senator Beutler, as the sponsor of the original legislation, he ought to know what he intended to do. I think that the legislation also permits Game and Parks to use that fund for its own purposes. But, you can have a discussion about that, I suppose. And even if the original Trail Development Assistance Fund Act didn't authorize that, the additional language that is still in his amendment, in my view, certainly would. So, if we took my amendment, I believe what we would have is one fund in which we'd have monies that were available for use by Game and Parks for the development of recreational trails, also would be...directly, and Game and Parks owned and sponsored trails. The Game and Parks could also use monies in the fund to make grants to private organizations or to other public bodies likewise for the development of recreational trails. So you'd have, I think you'd have all of them bound up in one fund, but perhaps Senator Beutler disagrees with that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Beutler, I would ask for you, if you have clarification on it at this point, because I, too, am uncertain whether we need both funds. If I'd understand it correctly the way you have previously said it, we may need both funds as Senator Wickersham interprets it, we may not need both funds. And so I guess I do need more enlightenment.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If I'm reading this right, and I think I am, Senator, I think we do need both funds or we need to change additional language in the statutes because under the Trail Assistance Act, it says that any natural resource district, political subdivision, other public agency, or private nonprofit organization can apply for these funds. But state agencies and Game and Parks cannot apply for those funds. Okay. So if you're, if you're putting this money under that fund, you're going to preclude Game and Parks from using it. Now if you want to have a larger amendment and, and be clearer about it, you could possibly do that if you wanted to do that. Now the second, the second problem that I think you have here, if you do this at this point in time, is that under the Trail Assistance Act, the other fund, the fund that already exists, under that