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## Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of April 2, 2018 ~ 'Getting outside benefits local economies'

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In fact, according to the Outdoor Industry Association, consumers spend \$887 billion annually on outdoor recreation, which is “now counted as an official U.S. industry and a major contributor to the U.S. economy.”

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, "**Getting outside benefits local economies**"

[see attached copy above of Senator O'Mara's column in The Leader on April 1, 2018]