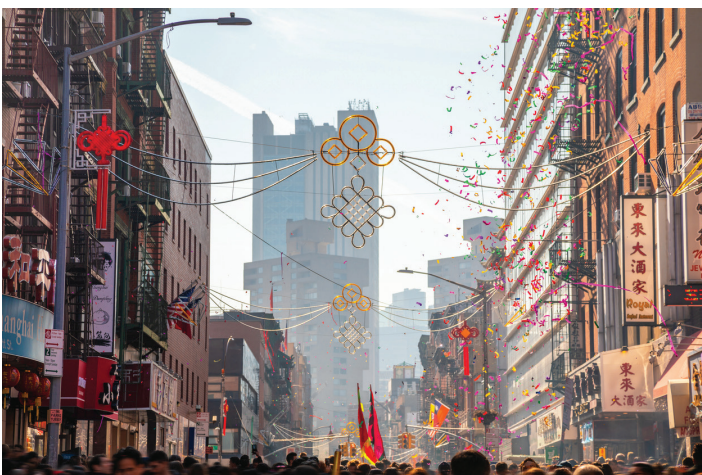


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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
New York State Senate
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation for the 2019 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2019 session, this committee met three times in session and reported sixteen bills. The Committee also reported the nomination of Eric Kulleseid for Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, who was later confirmed by the full Senate. The Committee approved five additional nominations during the 2019 session.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

José M. Serrano
29th Senate District

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

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Senator Jessica Ramos
Senator James Sanders

Senator Pamela A. Helming

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning the State system of parks and historic sites, arts development, tourism initiatives, and advancing recreational opportunity for New Yorkers.

During the 2019 Legislative Session, fifty-six bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, sixteen were reported from the Committee, twenty were passed by the Senate, and eight passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of three committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2019, eight of the fifty-six bills referred to the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed four and vetoed four.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.183B	Serrano	Requires the conducting of public hearings and reports thereon prior to the permanent closure of a park or historic site owned, held or administered by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation.	Chapter 585 of 2019
S.2854B	Flanagan	Requires the development, adoption and implementation of a master plan for the Nissequogue River State Park.	Veto 260 of 2019
S.3807B	Thomas	Relates to creating the "empire state cricket task force" to promote and grow the game of cricket in New York state.	Veto 161 of 2019
S.4200A	Lanza	Exempts certain vessels from the compulsory state pilotage requirement at the discretion of the board of commissioners of pilots.	Chapter 582 of 2019
S.4449	Biaggi	Relates to making permanent provisions for charging a fee for admission to the New York Botanical Garden	Veto 148 of 2019
S.4492	Liu	Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study pertaining to a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway trail.	Veto 163 of 2019
S.5369	Comrie	Changes New York state history month from November to October.	Chapter 625 of 2019
S.6015	Kennedy	Decreases the amount of voting members of the Michigan Street	Chapter 528 of 2019

		African American Heritage Corridor commission in Buffalo; and extends provisions relating thereto.	
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SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.180	Serrano	Relates to the reporting of alienation of municipal parkland.	Passed Senate Only
S.1111	Amedore	Establishes a geoparks task force to survey and formulate a plan for identifying sites for a system of geoparks, and a management and development strategy for such parks.	Reported from Committee
S.1425	Serrano	Directs the council on the arts to establish criteria and guidelines for the establishment of state designated arts and cultural districts.	Reported from Committee
S.1567	Funke	Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish the state parks passport program allowing visitors to state parks and historic sites to log their visits to such sites in a passport book or electronic application	Reported from Committee
S.2493	Serrano	Provides senior citizens shall be entitled to use any park, recreational facility or historic site without the imposition of any fee or other charge; defines senior citizens as persons 62 years of age or older.	Passed Senate Only
S.2494	Serrano	Prohibits littering on state park lands.	Passed Senate Only
S.2854B	Flanagan	Requires the development, adoption and implementation of a master plan for the Nissequogue River State Park.	On the Governor's Desk
S.3012	Gaughran	Exempts operators of law enforcement and fire department vessels from laws which regulate vessels on the navigable waters of the state while such operators are in the course of responding to emergencies.	Passed Senate Only
S.3082	Carlucci	Directs the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to fund and	Passed Senate Only

		conduct the empire state games on an annual basis.	
S.3807B	Thomas	Relates to creating the "empire state cricket task force" to promote and grow the game of cricket in New York state.	Veto 161 of 2019
S.4449	Biaggi	Relates to making permanent provisions for charging a fee for admission to the New York Botanical Garden	Veto 148 of 2019
S.4492	Liu	Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study pertaining to a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway trail.	Veto 163 of 2019
S.4773	Serrano	Requires leases, licenses and management agreements entered into by the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation relating to the use or management of state parks and historic sites, having a term of more than 1 year, to comply with the recommendations of the management or master plan of the state park or historic site to which the lease, license or management plan relates.	Passed Senate Only
S.5369	Comrie	Changes New York state history month from November to October.	Chapter 625 of 2019
S.5822A	Metzger	Permits farmers markets in state and local parks.	Passed Senate Only
S.6015	Kennedy	Decreases the amount of voting members of the Michigan Street African American Heritage Corridor commission in Buffalo; and extends provisions relating thereto.	Chapter 528 of 2019

Nominations

Erik Kulleseid, Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

Hildy Kuryk-Bernstein, Member of the State Council on the Arts

Carol Clark, Member of the State Board of Historical Preservation

David Okorn, Member of the Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission

Keith M. Corbett, Member of the Long Island State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission

Joseph P. Trusso, Member of the Allegany State Park, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission



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