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## OFA Bill Analysis

### SB 373

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING PARKS INCLUDED IN THE PASSPORT TO THE PARKS PROGRAM.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill provides funding for Batterson Park and Thames River Heritage Park from the Passport to the Parks account. Batterson Park is a municipal park owned by Hartford and located in Farmington and New Britain. Thames River Heritage Park consists of numerous historic sites along the Thames River. The park's foundation operates three water taxis to sites in New London and Groton.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Passport to the Parks Account***

The Passport to the Parks account is funded by a fee paid on motor vehicle registrations. The fee is currently \$15 for a triennial registration, \$10 for a biennial registration, and \$5 for an annual registration. The account revenues fund the operation and maintenance of state parks, soil and water conservation districts (along with a council), an environmental review team, and the Council on Environmental Quality.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 36    Nay 16