

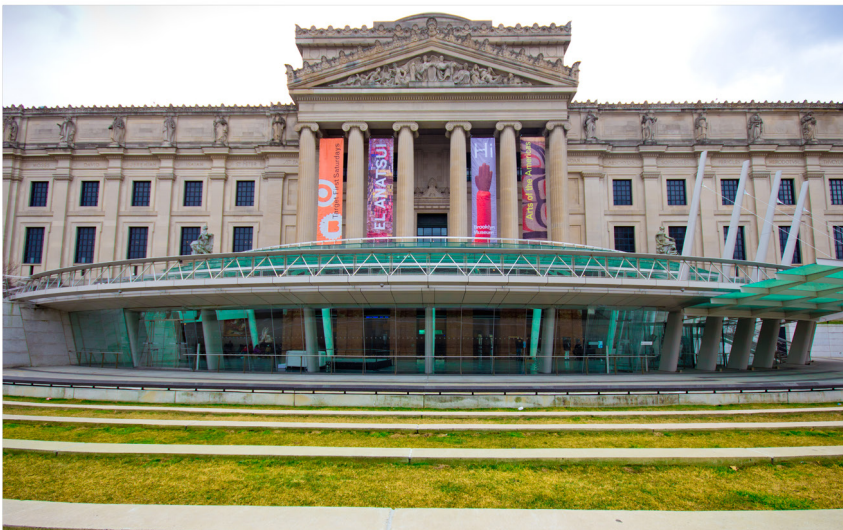


Annual Report 2022

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation

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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 2022 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2022 session, this committee met twice in session and reported fifteen bills. The Committee also approved twelve nominations to the State Board for Historic Preservation as well as regional commissions for parks and historic preservation.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "José M. Serrano".

José M. Serrano
29th Senate District

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM, PARKS AND RECREATION**

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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 2022 Legislative Session, sixty-six bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, fifteen were reported from the Committee, twenty were passed by the Senate, and nine passed in both houses. This work was conducted through two virtual committee meetings. A list of all bills reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The Senate Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation held two virtual meetings during the 2022 legislative session. Additionally, Committee members met with the arts and tourism community to help extend State Covid relief programs in the SFY 23 Enacted Budget, including historic New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) support, significant new Capital arts funding, and small business support for venues and related accommodations.

The committee reported two bills that would advance outdoor recreational opportunities for New Yorkers. S.5031, sponsored by Senator Serrano, replicates other successful park pass programs to encourage children and families to seek out new excursions throughout the State Park System. S.6208A, also sponsored by Senator Serrano, creates a senior trail guide to help direct active seniors to appropriately graded trails. While the Governor ultimately vetoed these measures, the Committee stands ready to advance legislation to better connect New Yorkers to our State Park System.

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, nine of the sixty-six bills referred to the Standing Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation passed both houses of the Legislature.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.5031	Serrano	Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish the state parks passport program	Veto Memo 72
S.6208A	Serrano	Relates to the development and posting of a senior trail guide	Veto Memo 76
S.8038	Biaggi	Amends chapter 465 of the laws of 1994 relating to fees for the New York botanical garden; repealer	Signed Chapter 401
S.8270	Savino	Relates to the base pilotage tariffs at Sandy Hook, Sands Point and Execution Rocks	Signed Chapter 413
S.8745	Gaughran	Relates to pilotage fees on vessels transiting the New York state waters of Long Island Sound or Block Island Sound east of Execution Rocks or Sands Point	Signed Chapter 427
S.8934	Cooney	Directs the department of economic development to conduct a study of public and private museums in the state	Veto Memo 64
S.8995	Serrano	Extends the effectiveness of certain provisions of law relating to the operation of personal watercraft and specialty prop-craft	Signed Chapter 366
S.9128A	Breslin	Relates to the rates for pilotage on the Hudson river	Signed Chapter 472
S.9310	Breslin	Authorizes the City of Troy to lease sub-surface park land property referred to as Riverfront Park for district geothermal wells and distribution lines	Signed Chapter 547

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Legislation

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Significant Action
S.639	Liu	Authorizes the commissioner of transportation to conduct a study pertaining to a proposed expansion of the Long Island Motor Parkway trail	Passed Senate Only
S.998	Gaughran	Exempts operators of law enforcement and fire department vessels from laws which regulate vessels on the navigable waters of the state while responding to emergencies	Passed Senate Only
S.1355	Serrano	Relates to the reporting of alienation of municipal parkland	Passed Senate Only
S.1358A	Serrano	Relates to developing criteria and guidelines for state designated arts and cultural districts	Passed Senate Only
S.1364	Serrano	Authorizes the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish a resident curator program for the rehabilitation of state park buildings	Passed Senate Only
S.1405	Serrano	Prohibits littering on state park lands and provides for penalties for violations	Passed Senate Only
S.5006	Serrano	Relates to permitting farmers markets in state and local parks	Passed Senate Only
S.5025A	Serrano	Creates a legislative task force on outdoor environmental education and recreation	Passed Senate Only
S.5031	Serrano	Directs the commissioner of parks, recreation and historic preservation to establish the state parks passport program	Veto Memo 72
S.6208A	Serrano	Relates to the development and posting of a senior trail guide	Veto Memo 76
S.7463	Reichlin-Melnick	Requires the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to prohibit the	Third Reading

		sale of single use plastic water bottles in certain state parks	
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Nominations

The Committee also advanced 12 nominations for gubernatorial appointments to fill vacancies on the State Board for Historic Preservation as well as regional commissions for parks and historic preservation.



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