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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 562, L.D. 826, Bill, "An Act To Protect Recreational Trails on Private Land by Exempting Certain Information on Recreational Trails from the Definition of "Public Records""

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Amend the bill in section 3 by striking out all of paragraph P (page 1, lines 17 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

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'P. Geographic information regarding recreational trails that are located on private land that are authorized voluntarily as such by the landowner with no public deed or guaranteed right of public access, unless the landowner authorizes the release of the information.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment narrows the exception to the definition of "public records." This amendment provides that geographic information about recreational trails is not a public record for trails located on private lands for which the landowners have voluntarily authorized the use of the trails, but there is no public deed or guaranteed right of public access for the trails. If the landowner authorizes the release of the information, it becomes a public record. Other information about the trails continues to be public.