

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Clem  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Schrader

Revenue: Revenue statement issued

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do pass as Amended and Be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote: 21 – 0 – 0

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson, Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields  
– Nays:  
– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters  
– Nays:  
– Exc:

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Meeting Date: 6/20/07

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** The measure increases the percentage of moneys distributed for maintenance of county parks from 30 to 40 percent of moneys transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department from recreation vehicle registration fees.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Number of Parks and Campsites Rental for county-run parks compared to state parks
- Increases in Lottery Funds dedicated to State park programs
- Stability of funding for county parks if Public Law 106-393 is lost

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes the percentage of moneys distributed to 35%; Reinstates the original distribution of 30% on July 1, 2015; makes a technical adjustment to make language in Section (5) consistent with Section 5 (d).

**BACKGROUND:** In 1992, the Legislature dedicated the distribution of recreational vehicle registration fees for the operation and maintenance of campgrounds and related facilities in State and County parks. Oregon counties currently receive 30 percent of the RV registration fees and the Parks and Recreation Department receives 70 percent. A portion of the 30% distributed to Oregon counties is retained to provide competitive grants to counties for acquisition, development, maintenance, care and use of county parks. In 1999 Oregon voters passed Measure 66 dedicating 7.5% of the State Lottery Funds to support state and local parks. Lottery Funds have increased substantially and are now the single largest revenue source for the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation budget will provide \$7.2 million for local park grant programs out of the \$98.8 total Lottery Fund budget for the department. These funds are not available for operating costs and the grants require a local match which some counties find difficult to provide.