

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 3 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Atkinson, Prozanski, Avakian
Nays: 0
Exc.: Bates, Beyer
Prepared By: Sue Marshall, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/26

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines 'Oregon Trail'. Prohibits development within 100 feet of the route of the Oregon Trail. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Historical significance of the Oregon Trail
- Efforts underway to update the map of the trail
- Signage on public and private sections of the route
- Destruction of visible portions of the trail
- Whether to exempt cities from the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Narrows the regulated area to 100 feet rather than 660 feet. Removes requirement placed on the State Historic Preservation Officer.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Trail was one of the main overland migration routes used by pioneers in order to settle the western United States during the 19th century. Between 1841 and 1869, hundreds of thousands of people migrated to the west over the Oregon Trail. In 1978, the National Park Service designated the Oregon Trail as a National Historic Trail. Today, one can still see wheel ruts and traces of the trail along portions of the route in what are now the states of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, and Oregon. Proponents of the measure are concerned that what remains of the Oregon Trail may be lost due to development along the route.