

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Bates, Beyer, Prozanski, Avakian

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to construct velodromes in northern Willamette Valley, southern Willamette Valley and southern Oregon.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Popularity of cycling and its growth in Oregon
- Economic value of velodromes in attracting tourists
- Health benefits of cycling
- Use of designated Measure 66 funds and impact on the State Parks Department existing projects and budget

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds an additional site of a third velodrome located in the southern Willamette Valley, Lane County.

BACKGROUND: A velodrome is a sporting arena built for track cycling. Modern velodromes feature steeply banked oval tracks, consisting of two nearly 180-degree circular bends connected by two straights. The heyday of velodrome racing occurred between 1890 and 1920 when indoor tracks were common. Circuit d'Alpenrose, a private velodrome located at the former Alpenrose Dairy in Portland, is one of only 20 such tracks located in the United States.

Senate Bill 926 A directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to work with local jurisdictions and the cycling community to plan and construct three velodromes located in northern Willamette Valley, southern Willamette Valley and southern Oregon. The measure also identifies an expenditure of \$3.5 million for the 2007-2009 biennium from lottery moneys allocated from the Parks and Natural Resources Fund to the State Parks and Recreation Department to pay for a portion of the cost to plan and construct the three velodromes.