House Bill 2787

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize use of day use fee areas without charge by persons 65 years of age or older who have resided in state for not less than 50 years. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to State Parks and Recreation Commission fees; amending ORS 390.124; and declaring an
 emergency.

4 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 390.124 is amended to read:

6 390.124. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 183, the State Parks and 7 Recreation Commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out the duties, functions and powers 8 imposed by law upon the commission and the State Parks and Recreation Department. Rules adopted

9 pursuant to this section shall be duly entered in the minutes and records of the commission.

(2) The commission may adopt rules that assess reasonable charges[, including fee reductions,
waivers and exemptions,] for the use of areas established and maintained by the department. The
commission may also adopt rules establishing reductions in, waivers of or exemptions from
the charges. However, the commission shall authorize the use of any state park, individual campsite
or day use fee area without charge:

(a) Upon the showing of proper identification, by a person maintaining a foster home, as defined
by ORS 418.625, and the person's children, when accompanied by a foster child residing in the home.

17 (b) Upon the showing of proper identification, by a person maintaining a developmental disabil-18 ity child foster home, as defined by ORS 443.830, and the person's children, when accompanied by 19 a foster child residing in the home.

(c) If a deed to, lease of or contract to use the property used as a state park, campsite or day
use fee area prohibits the charging of fees for use of the property.

(d) Upon the showing of proper identification, by either a disabled veteran or a person on leave
from military active duty status on Memorial Day, Independence Day or Veterans Day.

(3) The commission shall authorize the use of any day use fee area without charge upon
 application to the department by a person 65 years of age or older who has resided in this
 state for not less than 50 years prior to the date of application.

[(3)] (4) The commission shall report to an appropriate committee of the Legislative Assembly, no later than January 31 of each odd-numbered year, on the fee reductions, waivers and exemptions adopted by rule by the commission pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

30 <u>SECTION 2.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

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1 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect

- 2 on its passage.
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