

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3335 - A

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Measure Description:

Directs State Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize veterans to use yurts and horse-accessible campsites without charge for certain number of days in any calendar month.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure directs the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to authorize Oregon armed services member returning from overseas deployment or being honorably discharged from active service, to use any area established and maintained by OPRD at a reduced cost or free of charge. The authorization is limited to not more than 10 days total and must take place within the first 90 days of the return from deployment or honorable discharge.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Oregon Military Department, there are approximately 5,085 armed services members that would be eligible for the fee reduction.

The fiscal impact is indeterminate. The number of armed service members that will participate and the type of camp facility that would be utilized is unknown.

Currently, OPRD offers a fee waiver reduction to veterans that have a service-related disability and that approximately 17% of disabled veterans utilize the current fee waiver reduction. Assuming a similar percentage of participation among the 5,085 armed services members eligible from this measure, and the average number of nights per camping trip at 7 days, OPRD estimates a loss of fee revenue between \$162,517 and \$364,222 for the 2011-13 biennium. Depending on the amount of the revenue loss, OPRD may need to review staffing requirements or make other budgetary reductions.