

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Esquivel, Johnson, Schaufler, Clem, Jenson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Sprenger
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Meeting Dates:	4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Parks and Recreation Department (Department) to seek funding from private sector, including corporate sponsorship, to help pay for maintenance and development of: state parks and other land under jurisdiction of Department; State Capitol State Park; and Oregon State Fairgrounds. Establishes all funds received must be deposited in State Parks and Recreation Department Fund.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provides additional tool to meet continuing need for maintenance, renovation and development
- Current statute allows Department to accept funds but does not direct Department to seek funding
- Other states with similar policies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes requirement to seek private funding. Authorizes Department to seek funding from private sector, including corporate sponsorship, to help pay for development of state parks.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department oversees 235 parks and recreational properties and over 99,400 acres of land. In 2009, the Legislative Assembly approved the first park user fee increase since 1996. The 2011-13 Governor's recommended budget proposes to automatically increase fees with inflation rates to provide for continued park operations. House Bill 2778 A would authorize the Department to seek out funding from private sector, including corporate sponsorship, to help pay for park maintenance and development costs.