

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Huffman, Matthews, Parrish, Esquivel, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/8, 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) to adopt rules establishing reductions in waivers or exemptions from fees and charges for areas established and maintained by State Parks and Recreation Department (Department). Establishes waiver or exemption applies to armed service members returning from overseas combat zone deployment. Stipulates reductions in waivers or exemptions from fees and charges are limited to ten consecutive days if used within 90 days of service member's return from overseas combat zone deployment or for reservations made within that 90 day period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Armed service members returning from overseas deployment need to decompress
- Opportunity for armed service members returning from overseas deployment to reconnect with family
- Existing Oregon Parks and Recreation Department fee waiver programs for veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND: Under current law the Department provides free camping and day-use areas to active duty military members on leave status on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day. The Department also has a program to waive camping charges for up to five consecutive days per stay and ten days per month for veterans with service connected disabilities and active duty U.S. military personnel on leave. House Bill 3335 A would allow armed service members returning from overseas combat zone deployment to stay up to ten consecutive days. House Bill 3335 A expands the waiver to include all areas established and maintained by OPRD, including yurts and cabins.