

# House Bill 2713

Sponsored by Representative TOMEI (Presession filed.)

## 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 allow free use of state parks, campsites and day use fee areas to surviving spouses of veterans who had service-connected disabilities.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to State Parks and Recreation Commission charges; creating new provisions; amending ORS  
3 390.124; 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.

10 (2) The commission may adopt rules that assess reasonable charges, including fee reductions,  
11 waivers and exemptions, for the use of areas established and maintained by the department. How-  
12 ever, the commission shall authorize the use of any state park, individual campsite or day use fee  
13 area without charge:

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

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

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

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

24 (e) **Upon the showing of proper identification, by the surviving spouse of a veteran who**  
25 **had a service-connected disability, provided that the waiver for individual campsite fees is**  
26 **limited to no more than \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive days per stay and to no more than \_\_\_\_\_ total**  
27 **days in any calendar month.**

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

31 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the amendments to**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ORS 390.124 by section 1 of this 2011 Act become operative on January 1, 2012.**

2 **(2) The State Parks and Recreation Commission may adopt rules before the operative**  
3 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, or take any other action before the operative**  
4 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, necessary to implement the amendments to**  
5 **ORS 390.124 by section 1 of this 2011 Act.**

6 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**  
8 **on its passage.**

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