

Analysis of SB 196, relating to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department

SB 196 spells out the parameters allowed in a relationship between Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and any non-profit organization that solicits funds to benefit the department.

What it does:

- Enables OPRD to enter into an agreement with a non-profit organization which solicits gifts and donations for the benefit of the department.
- Directs OPRD to adopt rules under which such agreements shall be carried out.
- Allows OPRD to provide certain types of assistance for a non-profit organization to facilitate that organization's ability to raise funds to benefit OPRD.
- Requires OPRD to prepare an annual report regarding assistance provided to such a non-profit organization, list funds received by OPRD from that organization, and post the information on OPRD's website.

This bill will affect the Oregon State Parks Foundation, which exists for the primary purpose of soliciting gifts and funds to support Oregon State Parks. Although the foundation has had a close working relationship with OPRD since the foundation's beginning as Oregon State Parks Trust in 1995, it has become apparent that a statute change as proposed in SB 196 would be beneficial to our state's park system. It will allow OPRD to facilitate the ability of the foundation to more effectively raise funds to support OPRD. The foundation strongly supports the current A-Engrossed version of the bill as passed by the Senate, as it will help us to get our message out to potential donors and thereby increase the amount we can raise for OPRD to enhance and improve our parks.

If you have any questions or wish additional information, please feel free to contact me anytime.

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