

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: Bates

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Meeting Dates: 2/11, 2/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Director of State Parks and Recreation Department (Department) to enter into contracts with private, non-profit organization (Organization) under which Organization shall solicit gifts, grants and donations for benefit of Department. Requires Director to submit copy of proposed agreement to Legislature and provide public notice of proposed agreement on Department's website 30 days prior to entering into contract with Organization. Authorizes Director to advise, receive advice and serve on board of directors of Organization. Authorizes Department to provide Organization with access to Department's areas and facilities free of charge; place information on cooperative efforts of Department and Organization in Department publications and website; and promotional items related to and sold by Department. Requires all funds received by Department as result of contracts be deposited in State Parks and Recreation Department Fund and used for purpose of furthering strategic priorities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability to partner with nonprofit organizations to improve state parks
- Clarifies expectations and responsibilities of Department when entering into agreements
- Transparency provided by providing notice 30 days prior to entering into agreement

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires Director to submit copy of proposed agreement to Legislature and provide public notice of proposed agreement on Department's website 30 days prior to entering into contract with Organization. Clarifies purpose of entering into agreements is to further strategic priorities of Department. Authorizes placement of information on cooperative efforts on Department's website. Authorizes Department to provide supplies, personnel and services necessary to Organization at cost. States provisions of Act do not affect authority of any other state agency to enter into agreements with private organizations.

BACKGROUND: The mission of the Department is to provide and protect outstanding natural, scenic, cultural, historic and recreational sites for the enjoyment and education of present and future generations. Oregon's state parks are among the most popular in the U.S: their combined day-use and camping attendance of 42 million visitors per year and consistently ranks the system among the 10 most visited in the nation. Department activities are funded primarily by state park user fees, Oregon Lottery dollars, and recreation vehicle license fees.