

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:	4 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Baertschiger, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Burdick
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Meeting Dates:	2/14, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases percentage of money to be deposited in account for county park and recreation sites to 45 percent of moneys transferred to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) from registration of trailers, campers, and motor homes and from recreational vehicle trip permits. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2013.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lack of funding has caused county parks to reduce number of employees
- Approximately \$80 million backlog of maintenance for county park facilities
- 49 percent of campground facilities in Oregon are provided by county parks
- Allocation of money to parks and not other services

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Modifies percentage of money to be deposited in account for county park and recreation sites to 45 percent.

BACKGROUND: Recreational vehicle fees are distributed to state and county parks for the operation and maintenance of campgrounds and related facilities. Prior to 2007, counties received 30 percent of the funds and OPRD received 70 percent. In 2007, Senate Bill 29 increased the distribution to counties to 35 percent until July 1, 2015; thereafter, the distribution to counties is set to revert to 30 percent.

Senate Bill 331 increases the distribution percentage to 45 percent for counties and 55 percent for state parks starting on July 1, 2013 and does not set a sunset date for the distribution.