

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Smith, Vega Pederson, Holvey

Nays: 0

Exc.: Thatcher

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Meeting Dates: 4/30, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows State Parks and Recreation Department Director to enter into agreement with private, nonprofit organization to solicit gifts, grants and donations for Department. Allows Department to provide certain resources to organization without charge and certain other resources at cost. Requires Department to post annual report of such resources used and gifts, grants and donations received. Requires organization to maintain records of gifts, grants and donations solicited for benefit of Department and provide information to Department upon request. Requires Department to adopt certain rules. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Absence of specific framework for agreements in statute
- Potential uses of gifts, grants and donations received under agreements

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) manages more than 260 state parks and other facilities. Private nonprofits, such as Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) and local visitor associations, often have conservation and other goals that align with OPRD's strategic priorities but existing statutes do not provide a framework for how OPRD should collaborate with private organizations. The collaborative relationship between OPRD and the Oregon State Fair Foundation is described in statute, but parallel language is not in place for other facilities or organizations with which OPRD might collaborate.

Senate Bill 196 A authorizes the Director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to enter into agreements with private nonprofit organizations to solicit gifts, grants and donations on behalf of the department. The measure allows the department to provide certain resources without charge or at-cost, requires record-keeping by the nonprofit organization and requires an annual report to the Legislative Assembly by the department.