
MEMORANDUM

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To: *Natural Resources Subcommittee*

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Date: February 25, 2014

Subject: *SB 1516 - A*
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1516 - A relates to the Salmonberry Trail. The measure has an emergency clause and is effective on passage.

The measure, the original staff measure summary, preliminary Joint Committee on Ways and Means staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The measure previously had a public hearing and work session in the Senate Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development and was recommended as do pass with amendments and referred to Ways and Means.

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact.

Measure

The measure is recommended to be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

Motion: Move SB 1516 - A to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation.

Assignment of Carriers

Full: _____
2nd Chamber: _____

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1516 - A

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2014 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

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Versions are Considered Official*

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Date: 2/11/2013

Measure Description:

Requires development of plan for Salmonberry Trail.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Department of Forestry

Analysis:

The proposed legislation has been determined to have
MINIMAL EXPENDITURE IMPACT
on state or local government.

While this individual measure has a “Minimal” fiscal impact, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep.
Carrier – Senate: Sen.

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact

Action:

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: [Full Committee Meeting Date]

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the State Parks and Recreation Department and the State Forestry Department to work in cooperation with other stakeholders to develop a plan to construct Salmonberry Trail along portion of former Pacific Railway and Navigation Company line. Requires plan to identify and address options for development, maintenance and operation of each segment of the trail and associated costs; potential sources of funding for implementation of plan; options for designating final state agency responsibility; ensure designation of trail segments will not affect surrounding private property rights, require management of private lands in manner different than Forest Practices Act, or affect active management of lands for intended purposes under ORS 530.050 and ORS 530.490. The bill requires both agencies to submit a plan to an appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2015. Establishes Salmonberry Trail Trust Fund and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Forestry Department for developing and implementing plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Single use versus multi use in varying sections of the trail
- Impact the Salmonberry trail will have on forest harvest
- Similarities to existing trails and their impact on surrounding areas

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In both 1997 and 2007 historic storms and flooding devastated portions of the railroad through the Tillamook State Forest linking Tillamook and Banks, Oregon. The 2007 damage was so significant that the rail owners, the Port of Tillamook Bay Corporation, decided not to repair and reopen the line. In 2011, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) were asked by a coalition of interests to explore the possibility of converting this rail line into a trail connection that would accommodate a mix of users including hikers, bikers, equestrians, and the Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad.