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SUMMARY

Decreases membership of Travel Information Council.

Eliminates requirement that organization that wishes to serve beverages and cookies at roadside rest area must submit request to council by certain date.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Travel Information Council; creating new provisions;
3 amending ORS 377.835 and 377.842; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 377.835 is amended to read:

6 377.835. (1) The Travel Information Council is created as a semi-
7 independent state agency.

8 (2) The Travel Information Council shall consist of [11] **nine** members.
9 One shall be the chairperson of the Oregon Transportation Commission or
10 a person designated by the chairperson. The Governor shall appoint the other
11 [10] **eight** members from the public at large. The Governor shall appoint at
12 least one member from each congressional district. The Governor shall select
13 members for their knowledge of, experience with or interest in economic de-
14 velopment, travel within Oregon, recreational opportunities in Oregon,
15 Oregon history or Oregon natural history.

16 (3) Each appointed member shall serve for a term of four years, but an
17 appointed member may be removed at the pleasure of the Governor. Before
18 the expiration of the term of an appointed member, the Governor shall ap-
19 point a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. An appointed

1 member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the
2 Governor shall make an appointment to become effective immediately for the
3 unexpired term.

4 (4) The council shall select one of its members as chairperson, another
5 as vice chairperson and a third as secretary. A majority of the members
6 serving on the council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
7 business. The council shall meet quarterly at a time and place to be deter-
8 mined by the chairperson. The chairperson or any three members of the
9 council may call a special meeting upon not less than one week's written
10 notice to the other members. All members are entitled to expenses as pro-
11 vided by ORS 292.495.

12 (5) The council may, in accordance with ORS chapter 183 and consistent
13 with ORS 377.700 to 377.844, adopt, amend and repeal rules relating to tourist
14 oriented directional signs, logo signs and motorist informational signs and
15 all other matters necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities
16 under ORS 377.700 to 377.844. The sign rules for protected areas in effect on
17 July 2, 1971, shall be continued in effect unless modified by the commission.
18 All rules adopted under this subsection shall be consistent with federal laws
19 and regulations relating to highways. The Director of Transportation shall
20 take appropriate action for the administration and enforcement of orders is-
21 sued and rules adopted under ORS 377.700 to 377.844, except rules adopted
22 by the council under ORS 377.842.

23 (6) The commission may continue or amend any existing agreements and
24 may enter into new agreements with the United States or any agency thereof
25 authorized to make agreements under section 131, title 23, United States
26 Code relating to the regulation, control and removal of signs within or ad-
27 jacent to the Interstate and Federal Aid Systems.

28 (7) The council shall be under the administrative control of a director
29 who is appointed by and who holds office at the pleasure of the council. The
30 director of the council may appoint all subordinate officers and employees
31 of the council and may prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. The

1 director of the council may delegate to any subordinate officer or employee
2 any administrative duty, function or power imposed upon the council by or
3 pursuant to law.

4 **SECTION 2.** ORS 377.842 is amended to read:

5 377.842. (1) The Travel Information Council shall establish by rule a per-
6 mit program allowing nonprofit organizations to provide free coffee or other
7 nonalcoholic beverages and cookies at roadside rest areas managed by the
8 council pursuant to ORS 377.841. Cookies offered under the program must
9 come from a licensed facility. Rules adopted under this section may not re-
10 strict the program to any particular days of the year.

11 (2) An organization may apply for a permit to provide coffee, other non-
12 alcoholic beverages and cookies at a rest area managed by the council by
13 submitting a written request to the council. The request shall specify the day
14 on which the organization wishes to offer the nonalcoholic beverages and
15 cookies and the specific rest area where they will be offered. [*The request*
16 *shall be submitted not less than 60 days prior to the date requested.*]

17 (3) The council shall issue a permit to the selected organization [*not less*
18 *than 30 days*] in advance of the date for which the permit is issued. If there
19 is more than one request for the same date and the same place, the council
20 shall select one organization by random drawing and shall issue the permit
21 to that organization.

22 (4) The council may not issue more than one permit for the same time and
23 place.

24 (5) An organization that receives a permit shall confine distribution of
25 coffee, other nonalcoholic beverages or cookies to an area of the rest area
26 designated in the permit or by the rest area attendant. The organization may
27 not obstruct access to any building or other structure in the rest area.

28 (6) An organization providing coffee, other nonalcoholic beverages or
29 cookies may accept donations at the rest area while providing coffee, other
30 nonalcoholic beverages or cookies.

31 (7) An organization may post signs identifying the organization and the

1 activity, provided that each sign is not more than 10 square feet in area and
2 there are not more than two signs. The signs may be placed only on vehicles
3 used in connection with the provision of nonalcoholic beverages and cookies
4 or located in the area designated for the activity.

5 (8) The council may revoke the permit of any organization that fails to
6 comply with the provisions of this section or with rules adopted by the
7 council to implement the provisions of this section.

8 **SECTION 3. Nothing in the amendments to ORS 377.835 by section**
9 **1 of this 2015 Act affects the term of office of any member of the**
10 **Travel Information Council appointed before and serving on the ef-**
11 **fective date of this 2015 Act. After two vacancies of appointed members**
12 **have occurred for any cause, the Governor shall continue to appoint**
13 **members of the council in accordance with ORS 377.835, as amended**
14 **by section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

15 **SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
16 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
17 **clared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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