

# House Bill 3422

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Environmental Quality Commission to impose fee on disposal sites that receive domestic solid waste. Sets amount of fee at \$4.40 per ton. Requires commission to annually adjust fee based on change in Consumer Price Index. Requires moneys collected pursuant to fee to be deposited in Outdoor Education Account.

Establishes grant program for outdoor school programs to be administered by Oregon State University Extension Service.

Establishes Outdoor Education Account for purposes of funding grant program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to funding outdoor education; and providing for revenue raising that requires approval by  
3 a three-fifths majority.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 459.005 to**  
6 **459.437.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) In addition to the fees provided for in ORS 459.235 and 459.236, on Janu-**  
8 **ary 1 of each year the Environmental Quality Commission shall impose a fee on all disposal**  
9 **sites that receive domestic solid waste. The fee shall be in an amount equal to \$4.40 per ton**  
10 **received at the site.**

11 **(2) Beginning January 1, 2017, the commission shall annually adjust the fee amount es-**  
12 **tablished in subsection (1) of this section by a proportional amount equal to the percentage**  
13 **change in the 12-month period prior to the beginning of the prior year in the monthly aver-**  
14 **aged U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (All Items) as pub-**  
15 **lished by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.**

16 **(3)(a) A local government unit that franchises or licenses a domestic solid waste site**  
17 **shall allow the disposal site to pass through the amount of the fees established by the com-**  
18 **mission under this section to the users of the site.**

19 **(b) If a disposal site that receives domestic solid waste passes through all or a portion**  
20 **of the fees established by the commission under this section to a solid waste collector who**  
21 **uses the site, a local government unit that franchises or licenses the collection of solid waste**  
22 **shall allow the franchisee or licensee to include the amount of the fee in the collection ser-**  
23 **vice rate.**

24 **(4) Moneys received by the commission under this section shall be paid into the State**  
25 **Treasury and deposited in the Outdoor Education Account established in section 5 of this**  
26 **2015 Act.**

27 **SECTION 3. Sections 4 and 5 of this 2015 Act are added to and made a part of ORS**  
28 **chapter 327.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **SECTION 4.** (1) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall administer a grant  
2 program for outdoor school programs as provided by this section.

3       (2) Grants shall be awarded for outdoor school programs that:

4       (a) Provide a six-day, residential, hands-on educational experience featuring field study  
5 opportunities for students learning about:

6       (A) Soil, water, plants and animals;

7       (B) The role of timber, agriculture and other natural resources in the economy of this  
8 state;

9       (C) The interrelationship of nature, natural resources, economic development and career  
10 opportunities in this state; and

11       (D) The importance of preserving this state's environment and natural resources.

12       (b) Are integrated with local school curricula in a manner that assists students in  
13 meeting state standards related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and  
14 international standards related to science.

15       (c) Provide students with opportunities to develop leadership, critical thinking and  
16 decision-making skills.

17       (d) Address the inequity of outdoor educational opportunities for underserved children in  
18 this state.

19       (3) Grants shall be awarded from the Outdoor Education Account established under sec-  
20 tion 5 of this 2015 Act and shall be awarded to a school district or to an education service  
21 district.

22       (4) Priority for grants shall be given to outdoor school programs that promote:

23       (a) Higher scores on standardized measures of academic achievement in reading, writing,  
24 math, science and social studies.

25       (b) Greater self-sufficiency and leadership skills.

26       (c) Fewer discipline and classroom management problems.

27       (d) Increased student engagement and pride in accomplishments.

28       (e) Greater proficiency in solving problems and thinking strategically.

29       (f) Better application of systems thinking and increased ability to think creatively.

30       (g) Improved communication skills and enhanced ability to work in group settings.

31       (h) Greater enthusiasm for language arts, math, science and social studies.

32       (i) Increased knowledge and understanding of science content, concepts and processes.

33       (j) Better ability to apply science and civic processes to real-world situations.

34       (k) Improved understanding of mathematical concepts and mastery of math skills.

35       (L) Improved language arts skills.

36       (m) Better comprehension of social studies content.

37       (n) Accessibility to students of all abilities and learning styles.

38       (5)(a) The Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service shall convene an  
39 advisory committee for the purpose of administering the grant program established under  
40 this section. When selecting the members of the committee, the director shall take into  
41 consideration geographic and demographic diversity and shall ensure that the committee has  
42 representatives of the environmental community, the natural resources community and  
43 fifth-grade or sixth-grade education.

44       (b) The advisory committee shall recommend to the director:

45       (A) Standards for outdoor school programs; and

1       **(B) Distributions of moneys for outdoor school programs.**

2       **(6) The director shall submit an annual report to:**

3       **(a) The Department of Education, related to the ability of outdoor school programs to**  
4 **assist students in meeting state standards related to science, technology, engineering and**  
5 **mathematics, and international standards related to science; and**

6       **(b) The interim legislative committees on education, related to grant programs.**

7       **SECTION 5.** (1) **The Outdoor Education Account is established in the State Treasury,**  
8 **separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Outdoor Education**  
9 **Account shall be credited to the account.**

10       **(2) Moneys in the Outdoor Education Account are continuously appropriated to the**  
11 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission for use by the Oregon State University Exten-**  
12 **sion Service to award grants for outdoor school programs under section 4 of this 2015 Act.**

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