

**SB 989 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs the Travel Information Council to manage additional roadside rest areas along interstate and state highways. Directs the Council to develop a transition plan with the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department and to report to interim legislative committees on transportation regarding transition plan no later than September 15, 2018. Becomes operative January 2, 2019.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon Travel Experience (OTE) is a semi-independent state agency governed by the Travel Information Council (TIC), an nine-member board that includes eight volunteer members appointed by the Governor and one member of the Oregon Transportation Commission. OTE manages a number of programs that affect the driving public, including: the highway logo sign program (information regarding food, gas and lodging at upcoming exits); the Oregon Heritage Tree program, the Oregon Historical Marker program, and also onsite rest area supervision for specified rest areas. OTE assumed management of nine rest areas in five locations along Interstate 5 and Interstate 84 in 2010; in 2012, the Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1591, designating an additional 14 rest areas on I-5 and I-84, as well as one rest area on Highway 25 (Government Camp) and one on U.S. 101 (Tillamook).