

**SB 380 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/21, 4/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to allow disabled veterans to reserve use of state parks one month prior to the general public.

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Needs and expectations of all park users
- Reservation system and implementation barriers
- Potential alternatives

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

*[-1 amendment]* Requires SPRD to set aside the greater of 10 percent of, or four, reserveable campsites, for disabled veterans for the first 30 days that reservations may be placed. Requires SPRD to report on implementation to the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness by February 15, 2018. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon offers a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities, which attracts veterans and other residents. Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife currently offers a permanent combined hunting and fishing license for qualifying disabled veterans, and the State Parks and Recreation Department provides free day use and camping at RV and tent sites year-round for service-connected disabled veterans and U.S. Armed Forces active duty personnel on leave on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day.

Senate Bill 380 requires the State Parks and Recreation Department to allow disabled veterans to reserve use of state parks one month prior to the general public.