HB 2143 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 5/3, 5/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Designates the first Saturday of June the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Day to encourage Oregonians and visitors to enjoy the many spectacular outdoor recreation opportunities that the state has to offer. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

No fiscal impact, no revenue impact

House Vote: Passed. Ayes, 57; Excused, 3--Boone, Gorsek, Stark

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of outdoor recreation in Oregon economy
- Variety of outdoor activities available in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In a 2016 survey completed by Responsive Management for the Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife, and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education, over 60 percent of Oregonians surveyed report engaging in at least one outdoor activity in the preceding 12 months. These activities include visiting a state or national park, hiking, camping, wildlife viewing, biking, and hunting.

House Bill 2143A would designate the first Saturday in June the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Day.