

SB 380 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Action Date: 04/11/17
Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 3-0-1-0
Yeas: 3 - Boquist, Monnes Anderson, Olsen
Exc: 1 - President Courtney
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to set aside either 10 percent or four, whichever is greater, of reservable campsites for disabled veterans for first 30 days that reservations may be made. Requires OPRD to report on implementation to Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness by February 15, 2018. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon offers a wide range of outdoor recreational opportunities, which attract veterans and other residents. Efforts have been made to ensure veterans in Oregon are able to fully participate in outdoor recreational activities throughout the state. Currently, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife offers a permanent combined hunting and fishing license for qualifying disabled veterans, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) 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-A requires OPRD to set aside a certain number of reservable campsites for disabled veterans during the first 30 days that reservations may be made.