

SB 989 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Transportation Preservation and Modernization. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon 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:

- Currently developing adoption and implementation plan
- Process for determining which rest areas to transfer

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes following from list of rest areas managed by Oregon Travel Information Council: Siskiyou Welcome Center (I-5 milepost 12); J.B. Harris State Park (Highway 16 milepost 51); Cline Falls State Park (Highway 126 milepost 108); Summer Lake, State Highway 31 milepost 69); Casey State Park (State Highway 62 milepost 29); Tub Springs Wayside State Park (State Highway 66 milepost 19); Neskowin State Park (U.S. 101 milepost 98); Boiler Bay State Park (U.S. 101 milepost 126); Driftwood State Park (U.S. 101 milepost 153); Ophir Wayside State Park (U.S. 101 milepost 319); Brothers Oasis (U.S. 20 milepost 43); Sage Hen (U.S. 20 milepost 114); Buchanan Springs (U.S. 20 milepost 156); Bandit Springs (U.S. 26 milepost 49); Government Camp (U.S. 26 milepost 54); Bradley State Park (U.S. 30 milepost 75); and Carter (U.S. Highway 97, milepost 282).

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Travel Experience (OTE) is a semi-independent state agency governed by the Travel Information Council (TIC), a 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 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).