

# House Concurrent Resolution 8

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG, Senator ROBLAN, Representative SMITH D; Representatives BOONE, MCKEOWN (at the request of former Representative Wayne Krieger) (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Celebrates 50th anniversary of Oregon's Beach Bill.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2       Whereas Governor Oswald West declared Oregon's ocean beaches this state's "great  
3 birthright"; and

4       Whereas Oregon enjoys a unique legacy of publicly owned beaches, first established in 1913  
5 when the Legislative Assembly declared the wet sand areas of the ocean beaches a public highway;  
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7       Whereas there was a great public outcry in 1966 when it was learned that public access to the  
8 dry sand areas of the ocean beaches was imperiled by private enclosure; and

9       Whereas the next year the Legislative Assembly passed, and Governor Tom McCall signed into  
10 law, House Bill 1601 (1967), the Beach Bill; and

11       Whereas the Beach Bill reads, in part, that it is the "policy of the State of Oregon to forever  
12 preserve and maintain the sovereignty . . . over the seashore and ocean beaches . . . so that the  
13 public may have the free and uninterrupted use thereof"; and

14       Whereas the bipartisan Beach Bill was passed by a Republican House and Democratic Senate  
15 and approved by a Republican Governor; and

16       Whereas for generations, Oregonians and visitors have enjoyed the free and uninterrupted use  
17 of this state's ocean beaches to, among many other activities, build driftwood forts and sandcastles,  
18 to walk dogs and fly kites and to run, walk, swim, fish and surf; and

19       Whereas the State Parks and Recreation Department reported over 23.9 million visitors at  
20 Oregon beaches from January to September in 2016; and

21       Whereas July 6, 2017, marks the 50th anniversary of the Beach Bill's passage; and

22       Whereas the Beach Bill's 50th anniversary summer will coincide with a total solar eclipse on  
23 August 21, 2017, that will be first seen in North America from Oregon's beaches; and

24       Whereas Oregonians remain committed to protecting their great birthright, now and for future  
25 generations; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

26       That Oregon celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beach Bill; and be it further

27       Resolved, That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, encourage every  
28 Oregonian to visit and enjoy our magnificent ocean beaches in the summer of 2017.  
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