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Co-chairs Beyer, McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Sections 18 and 19 of HB 4060. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is approaching the 100th anniversary of operation as a state park system. Over the last one hundred years the agency has grown from a small division of a larger agency to the leader in statewide recreation. The mission has been expanded from small parcels of property along major travel corridors to over 100,000 acres of park land, management of the Ocean Shore and State Scenic Waterway Program, the Oregon Main Street Program and State Historic Preservation Office, and millions of dollars in grant support for recreation and heritage programs to local communities in every corner of the state.

Since 2017 session, we have been working with our stakeholders and agency colleagues around bicycle/pedestrian grant provisions included in the transportation package. After recent conversation with legislators and stakeholders, OPRD is no longer requesting you consider Sections 18 & 19 which we offered for HB 4060. We have commitments from Joint Transportation Committee leadership and the Oregon Recreation and Park Association that during the interim we can work on language within the department's local trails grants and ConnectOregon process to assure that outdoor recreation funding needs are best being met.

We thank you for your time and commitment to the transportation and recreation needs of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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