

Timber Appraisal Limits

Currently, State Parks must follow a competitive bid process for all timber harvests over \$15,000 in appraised value.

SB 50 increases the limit to \$25,000 in appraised value, matching the current requirements for Oregon Department of Forestry.

Flexibility, Government Efficiency & Small Business Jobs



Requiring a competitive bid process for low value timber projects hinders the department's ability to complete small forest restoration projects.

Often, logging companies interested in competitive bidding do not find small, low value projects economical. Increasing this cap will allow OPRD to hire small, local logging companies to work on restoration projects in their backyard.

OPRD strives to be a good neighbor to the land owners and communities that surround our parks, this added flexibility will help the department continue to manage our forests through good stewardship.

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Senate Bill 50

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SUMMARY

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Increases value at which State Parks and Recreation Department must offer forest products for sale by competitive bid.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to disposal of forest products by State Parks and Recreation Department; amending ORS
3 390.121.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 390.121 is amended to read:

6 390.121. In carrying out its responsibilities, the State Parks and Recreation Commission may:

7 (1) Acquire by purchase, agreement, donation or by exercise of eminent domain, real property
8 or any right or interest therein deemed necessary for the operation and development of state parks,
9 roads, trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps, nature study areas, waysides, relaxation areas,
10 visitor and interpretive centers, department management facilities, such as shops, equipment sheds,
11 office buildings, park ranger residences or other real property or any right or interest because of
12 its natural, scenic, cultural, historic or recreational value, or any other places of attraction and
13 scenic or historic value which in the judgment of the State Parks and Recreation Department will
14 contribute to the general welfare, enjoyment and pleasure of the public.

15 (2) Construct, improve, develop, manage, operate and maintain facilities and areas, including but
16 not limited to roads, trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, boat ramps and nature study areas named in
17 subsection (1) of this section.

18 (3) Sell, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose or permit use of real or personal property, in-
19 cluding equipment and materials acquired by the department, if in the opinion of the department it
20 is no longer needed, required or useful for department purposes, except that:

21 (a) Real property may be leased when such real property will not be needed for department
22 purposes during the leasing period.

23 (b) Real property used for park purposes may be donated to the United States Department of
24 Interior for the purpose of establishing a national monument when in the judgment of the depart-
25 ment such disposition would best serve the interests of this state.

26 (c) Proceeds from the sale of all surplus or unsuitable lands held for park purposes shall be de-
27 posited in the Parks Donation Trust Fund for use for park land acquisition or development. Pro-
28 ceeds from the sale of other property shall be paid by the department to the State Treasurer for
29 credit to the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund, and any interest from this fund shall
30 be credited to this fund.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

1 (d)(A) Before offering forest products for sale, the department shall cause the forest products to
2 be appraised.

3 (B) If the appraised value of the forest products exceeds [~~\$15,000~~] \$25,000, the department shall
4 offer them for sale by competitive bid. Prior to such bid offering, the department shall give notice
5 not less than once a week for three consecutive weeks by publication in one or more newspapers
6 of general circulation in the county in which the forest products are located and by such other
7 media of communication as the department deems advisable. The minimum bid price and a brief
8 statement of the terms and conditions of the sale shall be in the notice.

9 (C) The notice and competitive bidding under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall not be
10 required if the State Parks and Recreation Director declares an emergency to exist that requires the
11 immediate removal of the timber. If an emergency has been so declared:

12 (i) The timber, regardless of value, may be sold by a negotiated price; and

13 (ii) The director shall make available for public inspection a written statement giving the rea-
14 sons for declaring the emergency.

15 (e) In the case of real property acquired by eminent domain, the prior owner of real property
16 for which sale, lease, exchange or other disposal is proposed must be given the first opportunity to
17 reacquire the property in accordance with ORS chapter 35.

18 (4) Enter into contracts deemed necessary for the construction, maintenance, operation, im-
19 provement or betterment of parks or for the accomplishment of the purposes of chapter 904, Oregon
20 Laws 1989. All contracts executed by the department shall be made in the name of this state, by and
21 through the department.

22 (5) In carrying out its duties, functions and powers under this chapter, publish guides and other
23 materials relating to recreational opportunities in this state or to any program or function admin-
24 istered by the department. The department may arrange for the sale of such publications. The price
25 of such publications shall include the cost of publishing and distributing the materials. All moneys
26 received by the department from the sale of publications shall be deposited in the State Parks and
27 Recreation Department Fund. The department may contract for the publication of the materials de-
28 scribed in this subsection, including the research, design and writing of the materials. The contract
29 may include, among other matters, provisions for advance payment or reimbursement for services
30 performed under the contract.

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