

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5527

Parks and Recreation Department

SB 5527 is the budget bill for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The recommended budget for the Department is a 14.6% increase from the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget. The budget recognizes fee revenues from a flexible fee schedule adopted by the Parks Commission and includes \$13 million in Lottery Funds for local park grants.

The budget makes significant investments in accessibility improvements, facilities maintenance, and development of existing parks and trail systems. Operational investments include funding for inclusivity programs to address recreation and service needs of under-represented and non-traditional users, increased costs of contracted services, and for technology upgrades. The recommended budget is increased by \$3 million for park property acquisition.

Expenditure limitation of \$12 million is included for grants that were awarded but not fully drawn down in the 2017-19 biennium, and an additional \$3 million increase in expenditure limitation is provided to allow Parks to distribute increased funding available for all-terrain vehicle recreational opportunities due to the increase in fuel taxes.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 5527 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.