

Senate Bill 589

Sponsored by Senator PROZANSKI; Senators DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GOLDEN, MANNING JR (Presession 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**.

Creates Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program. Directs Oregon State University Extension Service to assist school districts, education service districts, after-school care programs, nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations in providing outdoor education and recreation programs.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program.**
5 **The Oregon State University Extension Service shall assist school districts, education service**
6 **districts, after-school care programs, nonprofit organizations and community-based organ-**
7 **izations in providing outdoor education and recreation programs. The Oregon State Univer-**
8 **sity Extension Service shall provide assistance by administering the Outdoor Education and**
9 **Recreation Grant Program, providing program leadership and providing program mainte-**
10 **nance.**

11 **(2) Grants shall be awarded for outdoor education and recreation programs that:**

12 **(a) Contribute to the reduction of academic failure and dropout rates;**

13 **(b) Make use of research-based, effective environmental, ecological, agricultural or other**
14 **natural resource-based education curriculum;**

15 **(c) Contribute to healthy lifestyles through outdoor recreation and sound nutrition;**

16 **(d) Use various Oregon state parks as venues;**

17 **(e) Maximize the number of participants that can be served;**

18 **(f) Commit matching and in-kind resources;**

19 **(g) Create partnerships with public and private entities;**

20 **(h) Provide students with opportunities to directly experience and understand nature and**
21 **the natural world;**

22 **(i) Include ongoing program evaluation, assessment and reporting of their effectiveness;**
23 **and**

24 **(j) Utilize veterans for at least 25 percent of program implementation or administration.**

25 **(3) Grants shall be awarded to a school district, an education service district, an after-**
26 **school care program, a nonprofit organization or a community-based organization.**

27 **(4) Priority for grants shall be given to outdoor education and recreation programs that**
28 **serve students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12 who qualify for free and reduced**
29 **lunch, who are most likely to fail academically or who have the greatest potential to drop**
30 **out of school.**

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 **(5)(a) The Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service shall convene an**
 2 **advisory committee for the purpose of administering the grant program established under**
 3 **this section. When selecting the members of the committee, the director shall take into**
 4 **consideration geographic and demographic diversity and shall ensure that the committee has**
 5 **representatives of the environmental community, the natural resources community, the**
 6 **business community, school districts and the Department of Education.**

7 **(b) The advisory committee shall recommend to the director:**

8 **(A) Standards for outdoor education and recreation programs; and**

9 **(B) Distributions of moneys for outdoor education and recreation programs.**

10 **(6) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall provide program leadership for**
 11 **outdoor education and recreation programs, including:**

12 **(a) Providing program management and administration;**

13 **(b) Convening an advisory committee to assist with management activities;**

14 **(c) Distributing grants and entering into contracts and other agreements related to fi-**
 15 **nancing;**

16 **(d) Providing procurement services;**

17 **(e) Complying with reporting requirements; and**

18 **(f) Ensuring compliance with program requirements.**

19 **(7) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall provide program maintenance,**
 20 **including:**

21 **(a) Conducting program reviews and implementing program revisions;**

22 **(b) Making quality assessments and monitoring the program for quality;**

23 **(c) Evaluating outputs and impacts of outdoor education and recreation programs;**

24 **(d) Engaging in camp development, including the selection, management and coordination**
 25 **of camps; and**

26 **(e) Conducting risk management.**

27 **(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as imposing on the Oregon State University**
 28 **Extension Service any duties or obligations unless funding is provided to the service for ex-**
 29 **penses incurred by the service for the purposes of this section.**

30 **(9) The director shall submit an annual report to:**

31 **(a) The Department of Education, related to the ability of outdoor education and recre-**
 32 **ation programs to assist students in meeting state standards related to science, technology,**
 33 **engineering and mathematics, and international standards related to science; and**

34 **(b) The interim legislative committees on education, related to grant programs.**

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