

**SB 109 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Helm

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 05/13/21

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 9-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Bynum, Dexter, Helm, Kropf, Lewis, Noble, Power, Wallan, Wilde

**Nays:** 1 - Morgan

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/27, 4/29, 5/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt rules managing use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in state parks to protect natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources in park property and adjacent areas while providing for recreational use of UAS. Allows rules to include use of UAS for carrying out duties of State Parks and Recreation Department or for purposes of resource management or protection of property.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Range of recreation in state parks
- Partnership with various park users to develop rules on drone use in parks
- Protection of adjacent habitat
- Tiered approach to use of metal detectors in state parks

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under Oregon law, in order for a public body to use an unmanned aircraft system (UAS), the public body must register the UAS with the Department of Aviation and report on its frequency of use, the purpose for which it is used, and how the public can access the public body's required policies and procedures on use, storage, access, and retention of data collected from the use of the UAS. ORS 837.360. Federal law also requires licensure of the UAS pilot for UAS used for other than recreational purposes and provides guidelines for UAS use by recreational users.

Senate Bill 109 requires the State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt rules managing the use of UAS in state parks. The Commission is to protect natural, cultural scenic, and recreational resources while providing for the enjoyment of recreation UAS use. The rules are also allowed to contemplate the use of UAS for resource management, protection of property, or carrying out the duties of the State Parks and Recreation Department.