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House Bill 2171

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Including House Amendments dated March 24

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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.

[Directs Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee to consult with Office of Outdoor Recreation when making recommendations regarding use of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund moneys. Appropriates matching moneys.] **Appoints Associate Director of Outdoor Recreation, or designee, as nonvoting, ex officio member of Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. Limits distributions from fund to amounts matching deposits from certain other sources.** Repeals sunset.

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to establish statewide **recommended** standards for design of recreation projects. Directs department to ensure existing recreation facilities comply with statewide **recommended** standards no later than January 2, 2025.

Establishes Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee within Office of Outdoor Recreation.

Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation to maintain website with links to agency websites with information regarding how to purchase outdoor recreation passes, permits or licenses. Directs office to study and make recommendations for legislation necessary to create single online storefront for outdoor recreation passes. Requires office to submit recommendations to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2021.

Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation to submit annual inventory and gap analysis of outdoor recreation infrastructure to Legislative Assembly.

Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation to study and make recommendations for legislation to increase access to outdoor recreation in Oregon. *[Directs office to study and make recommendations for legislation necessary to ensure membership of committees advising agencies regarding outdoor recreation reflects geographic, racial, ethnic and gender diversity.]* Requires office to submit report on findings to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022.

Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation, in collaboration with Oregon Business Development Department, to design and propose legislation to implement grant program to support outdoor recreation products organizations and accelerators. Requires office to submit proposed legislation to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to outdoor recreation; creating new provisions; amending ORS 390.233 and section 2,
3 chapter 531, Oregon Laws 2019; repealing sections 4, 5 and 6, chapter 531, Oregon Laws 2019;
4 and declaring an emergency.

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

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7 **OREGON CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUND**

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9 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 531, Oregon Laws 2019, is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 2.** (1) The Oregon Conservation and Recreation Advisory Committee is established as an
11 advisory committee to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission and the State Department of Fish and
12 Wildlife for the purpose of carrying out the duties described in subsection (2) of this section. The

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 commission shall determine the number of members of the committee and the geographical repre-
2 sentation by the members. The Governor shall appoint the members of the committee. **The Associ-
3 ate Director of Outdoor Recreation, or the associate director's designee, shall serve as a
4 nonvoting, ex officio member.**

5 (2) The committee shall review department policies regarding the use of Oregon Conservation
6 and Recreation Fund moneys and make recommendations to the commission and the department re-
7 garding the use of fund moneys for implementing and administering department activities.

8 (3) Members of the committee may not receive compensation for service as members. However,
9 subject to any applicable law regulating travel and other expenses of state officers and employees,
10 a member may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the
11 performance of official duties from moneys available to the department for the purpose of re-
12 imbursement of committee members.

13 (4) The department and the committee jointly shall submit a biennial report to the Legislative
14 Assembly as provided in ORS 293.640 regarding the expenditure of moneys deposited in the Oregon
15 Conservation and Recreation Fund established under section 1 [of this 2019 Act], **chapter 531,
16 Oregon Laws 2019**, and on the status of various activities funded by the moneys.

17 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
18 ated to the Emergency Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General
19 Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000, to be allocated to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife
20 for the purposes of the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. However, the board may
21 only release the appropriation in increments that match the actual deposits made to the
22 Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2023, from sources
23 other than state government, as defined in ORS 174.111.**

24 **SECTION 3. Sections 4, 5 and 6, chapter 531, Oregon Laws 2019, are repealed.**

25 **SECTION 3a. If this 2021 Act does not become effective until after June 30, 2021, the
26 Legislative Assembly intends that the repeal of section 5, chapter 531, Oregon Laws 2019, by
27 section 3 of this 2021 Act operates retroactively to June 30, 2021. Any otherwise lawful action
28 or otherwise lawful obligation undertaken under authority of section 1, chapter 531, Oregon
29 Laws 2019, on or after July 1, 2021, and before the effective date of this 2021 Act is ratified
30 and approved.**

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32 **STATEWIDE DESIGN STANDARDS**

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34 **SECTION 4. (1) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall establish statewide
35 recommended standards for the design of recreation projects, including trails, docks and
36 public recreation access points, to ensure that state recreation areas are accessible to
37 members of the public of all mobility levels.**

38 **(2) The department shall apply the statewide recommended standards to all future de-
39 partment recreation projects.**

40 **SECTION 5. (1) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall develop the standards
41 described in section 4 of this 2021 Act no later than September 15, 2022.**

42 **(2) No later than January 2, 2025, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall en-
43 sure that all existing recreation facilities are in compliance with the statewide standards for
44 the design of recreation projects developed under section 4 of this 2021 Act.**

45 **SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2021 Act is repealed on July 31, 2025.**

INVENTORY AND GAP ANALYSIS

SECTION 11. ORS 390.233 is amended to read:

390.233. (1) The Office of Outdoor Recreation is established as an administrative section within the State Parks and Recreation Department, subject to the supervision of the Associate Director of Outdoor Recreation and the policies and procedures established by, and recommendations of, the State Parks and Recreation Director and the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

(2) The office shall consist of the associate director and all personnel employed in the office.

(3) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the office shall, in furtherance of the state policy declared in ORS 390.010:

(a) Coordinate outdoor recreation policy:

(A) Within the administrative divisions of the department; and

(B) Between the department and federal, state, regional and local government entities and non-governmental entities.

(b) Assist in developing or updating the outdoor recreation management strategies of the department.

(c) Collaborate with the Oregon Tourism Commission and the Travel Information Council to create effective forums for communicating recreation-based initiatives and for sharing best practices.

(d) Serve as a clearinghouse and information center for outdoor recreation stakeholders.

(e) Develop data, independently or through contracts with appropriate public or private agencies, on the social, economic and resource impacts of outdoor recreation in this state.

(f) Promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation in coordination with other related state programs and initiatives.

(g) Report on the office's activities to the State Parks and Recreation Commission four times per year or as otherwise directed by the commission.

(4) The office shall coordinate and collaborate with the **Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee established under section 7 of this 2021 Act**, the Oregon Business Development Department, representatives of regional and local governments, the outdoor recreation industry and other outdoor recreation stakeholders to promote economic development in this state. In furtherance of promoting economic development, the office may recommend, adopt or assist in the implementation of policies and initiatives that:

(a) Encourage development of the outdoor recreation industry in a manner that improves recreational opportunities in this state.

(b) Maximize public and private investment in the outdoor recreation industry and in outdoor recreation activities in this state.

(c) Enhance quality of life and economic vibrancy in communities across the state.

(d) Strike a sensitive balance between development and preservation of the unique natural experience provided by Oregon's outdoor recreation resources, and between motorized and nonmotorized outdoor recreation activities.

(e) Take a proactive approach to enhancing regional and local outdoor recreation infrastructure.

(5) The office shall annually submit a report to the Legislative Assembly [on] **that includes an inventory and gap analysis of outdoor recreation infrastructure in this state and a description of** the impacts of outdoor recreation in this state. The report required under this section may include:

(a) Other information about the office's activities; or

1 (b) Recommendations, which may include recommendations for legislation, on policies and initi-
2 atives that may be adopted by the legislature, the State Parks and Recreation Department or other
3 state agencies to enhance the experiences of persons engaging in outdoor recreation in this state.

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5 **INCREASING ACCESS TO OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PRODUCTS**

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7 **SECTION 12.** (1) The Office of Outdoor Recreation shall study and make recommen-
8 dations for legislation regarding options for increasing public access to outdoor recreation,
9 including by:

10 (a) Addressing disincentives in Oregon's recreational immunity law.

11 (b) Increasing public and private funding to support outdoor recreation access in Oregon.

12 (c) Expanding access and habitat programs.

13 (d) Collaborating with state institutions of higher education to expand educational offer-
14 ings related to the outdoor recreation economy.

15 (e) Increasing the availability of prize moneys for state-permitted recreation events.

16 (2) The office shall submit reports on its findings and any proposed legislation under this
17 section to the appropriate committee or committees of the Legislative Assembly no later
18 than September 15, 2022.

19 **SECTION 13.** (1) The Office of Outdoor Recreation shall, in collaboration with the Oregon
20 Business Development Department, design and propose legislation to implement a grant
21 program to support outdoor recreation products organizations and accelerators.

22 (2) The office shall submit the proposed legislation under this section to the appropriate
23 committee or committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

24 **SECTION 14.** Sections 12 and 13 of this 2021 Act are repealed on July 31, 2023.

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26 **CAPTIONS**

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28 **SECTION 15.** The unit captions used in this 2021 Act are provided only for the conven-
29 ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any
30 legislative intent in the enactment of this 2021 Act.

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32 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

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34 **SECTION 16.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
35 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
36 on its passage.

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