Senate Bill 607

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Carina Perez Europa) (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.

Authorizes Legislative Administration Committee to enter into agreement with City of Salem to assign authority over certain parking spaces.

Authorizes committee to impose parking regulations over spaces during time when spaces are within exclusive control of committee.

Directs Department of State Police to enforce regulations imposed by committee.

Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to collect fines for violation of parking restrictions.

Authorizes presiding officers of Legislative Assembly to provide parking permits for use of metered parking spaces free of charge during legislative session in underground parking lot beneath State Capitol State Park.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to motor vehicle parking; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 276.003 and 276.053.

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Capitol Mall" has the meaning given that term under ORS 276.010.

(b) "Disabled person parking permit" is a disabled person parking permit specified in ORS 811.602 (1).

(2)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 373.320, 810.010 and 810.160, the Legislative Administration Committee, acting by and through the Legislative Assembly, may enter into a written agreement with the City of Salem to acquire the parking spaces that are located within the Capitol Mall area and that fall under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the city. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the city shall assign the parking spaces to the committee for the period of time when the Legislative Assembly is in session.

(b) The agreement entered into under this subsection must include, at a minimum, provisions to ensure that:

(A) The period of time when the parking spaces are assigned to the committee does not exceed the period of time when the Legislative Assembly is in session.

(B) Notwithstanding ORS 811.635 or 811.637, a person who holds a disabled person parking permit is permitted to park in the spaces without incurring a penalty imposed for overtime parking.

(C) Within 15 days after adjournment sine die of the Legislative Assembly, the exclusive authority over the parking spaces shall revert automatically to the city.

(D) At all times the city is responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of the parking spaces.

(3) During the period of time when the parking spaces are assigned to the committee:

(a) The committee has exclusive power to:

(A) Prescribe parking regulations over the spaces;

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.

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(B) Impose restrictions on the length of time a vehicle is permitted to park in a space; and

(C) Prescribe fines or other penalties for violating any regulations imposed by the committee.

(b) The presiding officers of each house may issue to any person parking permits at no charge to park in any parking space located within the Capitol Mall area. An officer who issues a permit shall specify on the permit the date of issuance, the date on which the permit expires and the length of time for which the permit is valid.

(4)(a) The Department of State Police shall enforce any parking regulations described in subsection (3) of this section. All citations issued for a violation of a parking regulation must conform to the requirements of ORS 810.425.

(b) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services is responsible for collecting any parking fines prescribed under subsection (3) of this section. The department shall deposit all fines collected to the State Capitol Operating Account to be used in the manner provided under ORS 276.003.

SECTION 2. ORS 276.003 is amended to read:

276.003. (1) There is created in the General Fund of the State Treasury a State Capitol Operating Account. Moneys credited to the account are appropriated continuously to the Legislative Administration Committee to pay the expenses of operating, maintaining, protecting and insuring the State Capitol, to reimburse the State Parks and Recreation Department for a share of the expenses of ground maintenance, utilities and other necessary expenses and to reimburse the City of Salem for the costs of construction, maintenance and repair of the parking spaces as required by section 1 of this 2021 Act.

(2) The Legislative Administration Committee may on behalf of the State of Oregon solicit and accept gifts, grants and donations from public and private sources for the purposes set out in ORS 276.002. Such gifts, grants and donations shall be deposited by the committee in separate, appropriate trust accounts until such time as required to meet the obligations for which the gifts, grants or donations were intended.

(3) A gift or donation to the Legislative Administration Committee is a gift or donation to the State of Oregon.

SECTION 3. ORS 276.053 is amended to read:

276.053. (1) The State Capitol State Park is created, consisting of:

(a) The grounds immediately surrounding the State Capitol bordered by State Street on the south, Court Street on the north, Cottage Street on the west and Waverly Street on the east;

(b) The grounds surrounding the Department of Transportation Building, the Public Service Building, the Bureau of Labor and Industries Building and the State Library, bordered by Court Street on the south, Center Street on the north, Winter Street on the west and Capitol Street on the east.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 276.002 (4) and subsection (3) of this section, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall manage and control the utilization of the State Capitol State Park.

(3) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall manage and control the utilization of the underground parking structures located beneath the area described in subsection (1)(b) of this section and during each legislative session the presiding officers of each house of the Legislative Assembly may issue parking permits at no charge to park in metered parking spaces
located in the underground parking structures beneath the area described in subsection (1)(b) of this section. An officer who issues a permit shall specify on the permit the date of issuance, the date on which the permit expires and the length of time for which the permit is valid.

(4) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall manage and control the utilization of all aboveground structures that provide access to the underground parking structures.

[(4)] (5) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall construct one or more permanent lavatories on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park. Upon completion of construction, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall maintain and control the utilization of the lavatories.

[(5)(a)] (6)(a) To commemorate and honor Indian tribes, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall plan, erect and maintain one or more monuments or other suitable markers that are sited within, and are compatible with, the Walk of the Flags on the grounds of the State Capitol State Park.

(b) The department shall consult with the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, the Commission on Indian Services and each of the federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon in carrying out its duties under this section.

(c) The department shall carry out its duties under subsection [(5)(a)] (6)(a) of this section only after obtaining funding from private sources.