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Senate Bill 812

Ordered by the Senate March 28
Including Senate Amendments dated March 28

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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.

Allows local government to prohibit takeoff and landing of unmanned aircraft systems in parks owned by local government.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to unmanned aircraft systems.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 837.300 to**
5 **837.390.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 837.385, a local government, as defined in ORS**
7 **174.116, may enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting or regulating the takeoff and**
8 **landing of unmanned aircraft systems in parks owned by the local government.**

9 **(2) An ordinance enacted under subsection (1) of this section must:**

10 **(a) Allow utility providers a reasonable ability to use unmanned aircraft systems in parks**
11 **for the purpose of inspecting utility lines.**

12 **(b) Allow public bodies to use unmanned aircraft systems in parks for emergency oper-**
13 **ations.**

14 **(c) Provide for an affirmative defense to a charge or claim of violation of the ordinance**
15 **when a person performs an emergency landing of an unmanned aircraft system in a park in**
16 **the absence of an equally safe alternative.**

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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.