

**SB 929 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**Action Date:** 03/24/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

**Vote:** 3-2-0-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Pham, Smith DB, Sollman

**Nays:** 2 - Golden, Robinson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/5, 3/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure appropriates for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, \$100,000 from the General Fund to the State Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of continuing to develop the Oregon Coast Trail and requires the State Parks and Recreation Department to allocate up to \$1,000,000 of lottery revenues designated for outdoor recreation improvement projects to develop, maintain, or work toward the completion of the Oregon Coast Trail. The Act takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role of tourism on coastal communities' economies
- Existing gaps on Oregon Coast Trail
- Needed resources for state park system

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment reduces General Fund appropriation to \$100,000.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Coast Trail is a long distance hiking trail covering 425 miles along the Oregon coast. Approximately 160 miles of the trail follow roadways, the majority of which is along the shoulder of U.S. Highway 101. In 2021, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) partnered with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), and Oregon Solutions to develop the Oregon Coast Trail Action Plan (Action Plan). The planning process evaluated 40 gaps in the trail that required users to travel along or across state and local roadways including the shoulder of U.S. Highway 101. The Action Plan describes how to remedy gaps in the Oregon Coast Trail, as well as ways to improve trail amenities and services.