

Senate Bill 358

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would use some moneys raised by an existing tax to support state recreation areas on the Oregon coast. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.8).

Establishes the Ocean Beach Fund. Directs that the moneys received from the state transient lodging tax in an amount equal to one percent of the tax collected at state recreation areas along the ocean shore be transferred to the fund. Directs the State Parks and Recreation Department to spend moneys from the fund for expenses of managing state recreation areas along the ocean shore.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Ocean Beach Fund; creating new provisions; amending ORS 320.335; and prescribing
3 an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Ocean Beach Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and**
6 **distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Ocean Beach Fund shall be credited**
7 **to the fund.**

8 (2) Moneys in the fund shall consist of:

9 (a) Amounts deposited in the fund pursuant to ORS 320.335;

10 (b) Amounts donated to the fund;

11 (c) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-
12 ssembly;

13 (d) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

14 (e) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.

15 (3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Parks and Recreation
16 Department for administrative, personnel and other expenses incurred by the department in
17 managing state recreation areas along the ocean shore.

18 (4) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, "managing state recreation areas along
19 the ocean shore" includes, but is not limited to, activities relating to:

20 (a) Visitor safety, including developing and erecting signage warning of the natural dan-
21 gers of ocean beaches;

22 (b) Emergency responses;

23 (c) Shoreline armoring and sand management;

24 (d) Marine debris response and removal;

25 (e) Increased and expanding recreational use;

26 (f) Increased tourism;

27 (g) Growing demand for beachfront development; and

28 (h) Responses to increasingly severe storm and erosion events.

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 **(5) The department may establish accounts and subaccounts within the fund when the**
2 **department determines that accounts or subaccounts are necessary or desirable, and may**
3 **credit any interest or income derived from moneys in the fund to any account or subaccount**
4 **in the fund.**

5 **(6) The department may use moneys in the fund to pay the administrative costs associ-**
6 **ated with the fund.**

7 **(7) As used in this section, “ocean shore” and “state recreation area” have the meanings**
8 **given those terms in ORS 390.605.**

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 320.335 is amended to read:

10 320.335. All moneys received by the Department of Revenue pursuant to ORS 320.305 to 320.340,
11 and interest thereon, shall be paid to the State Treasurer to be held in a suspense account estab-
12 lished under ORS 293.445. After the payment of refunds:

13 (1) Moneys necessary to reimburse the Department of Revenue for the actual costs incurred by
14 the department in administering the state transient lodging tax, not to exceed two percent of state
15 transient lodging tax collections, are continuously appropriated to the department[; *and*].

16 **(2) Moneys received from the state transient lodging tax imposed under ORS 320.305 in**
17 **an amount equal to one percent of state transient lodging tax collections at state recreation**
18 **areas along the ocean shore shall be transferred to the Ocean Beach Fund established under**
19 **section 1 of this 2025 Act and used to manage state recreation areas along the ocean shore**
20 **as described in section 1 of this 2025 Act. As used in this subsection, “ocean shore” and**
21 **“state recreation area” have the meanings given those terms in ORS 390.605.**

22 [(2)] (3) The **remaining** balance of the moneys received shall be transferred to the account of
23 the Oregon Tourism Commission established under ORS 284.131. The moneys transferred under this
24 subsection are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Tourism Commission for the purposes set
25 forth in ORS 284.131.

26 **SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 320.335 by section 2 of this 2025 Act apply to con-**
27 **sideration charged on or after January 1, 2026, for the sale, service or furnishing of transient**
28 **lodging.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
30 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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