

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

April 13, 2023

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Agenda Item: 3a **Information**

Public Comment Allowed: **Yes**

Topic: **Legislative Update**

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### **Background:**

The 82nd Legislative Session is in full swing. The first major deadline for bills occurred in mid-March requiring a work session to be scheduled for bills in most committees. As an agency we are still tracking around 200 bills that remain active.

Below is information about legislation that may be of interest:

**HB 2011** would make intentionally causing physical injury to a park and recreation employee performing official duties a third-degree assault. This includes all city, county, special district, state or tribal park and recreation employees. This bill is sponsored by a number of legislators at the request of Oregon Recreation and Parks Association. This bill did not get a hearing or work session, so will not move forward.

**HB 2079** requires the Legislative Revenue Office to study implementing a tax credit and direct grant program to encourage preservation of historic properties. The report would be due no later than 9/15/2024. This bill is at the request of the House Interim Committee on Revenue.

**HB 2737** would allow state agencies to transfer properties to federally-recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Sanchez, allows for the transfer, sale, lease, exchange or donation of property from state agencies to the nine federally-recognized tribes outside of the usual Oregon Department of Administrative Services process. This bill passed the House 60-0 and is waiting for a hearing in the Senate Veterans and Emergency Management Committee.

**SB 149** extends the sunset for the historic property special assessment program for six years. This bill is at the request of the Senate Interim Committee on Finance and Revenue. This bill had a hearing in the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee.

**SB 679** would provide \$250,000 in general funds for the Oregon Coast Trail. This would be new funding to continue planning and development of the trail. Senators Brock Smith and the Coastal Caucus are supportive of this bill that passed out of the Senate Natural Resource Committee and is in Ways and Means.

**SB 873** allows for bio-engineering construction on the ocean shore. An expected amendment would direct OPRD to work with DLCD and DSL on rulemaking around a definition for bio-engineering and guidance for when it is allowed within existing land use regulations.

**SB 888** requires safety education cards for side-by-side (Class IV) ATV riders and non-street legal class II ATVs. This is one of the proactive OPRD bills. It had a hearing in the Joint Transportation Committee on 3/9.

**SB 889** changes the definition for Class IV ATV to accommodate larger tires and changes windshield wiper requirements. OPRD worked with ODOT on an amendment to the windshield wiper requirement, on roads windshield wipers would be required if a full windshield is in place. Off road, the windshield would need to be unobstructed. This bill had a hearing in the Joint Transportation Committee on 3/9.

**SB 890** updates the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission members to correct a statutory conflict. This bill passed out of the Senate Natural Resource Committee 5-0 and is headed for the Senate floor.

**Prior Action by Commission:** Approved moving agency legislation forward in April 2022.

**Action Requested:** none, information only

**Attachments:** none

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