

Rulemaking: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Public comments received Oct. 23 through Oct. 29, 2021

Cct-26-21 Klamath Falls, Orr 97603

Katie Hauthier,
Samething meeds to be blone to assure oregonians
Can make reservations at the most popular lampgrands,
like Harris Beach in Brookings.
Seve 25% of the Park for Oregonians up to 30 days
before opening them up to outside residents.

You can't get into some Parks and 90% are fieled
with those from out of state,

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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Sincerely, Sarry Woodwrck From: Sam Gibson

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Senate Bill 794

Date: Friday, October 29, 2021 8:06:42 AM

NO! This is a horrible idea. I think Oregonians want to encourage people to visit our state. This will discourage tourism - not encourage it.

BAD! VERY BAD LEGISLATORS!

Sam Gibson 971-645-6371

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 3:40:53 PM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Jeff
Last name:	Gallemore
Email:	jeff.gallemore@oregon.gov
Your public comment about this rule:	I am sad that these decisions to go down these "rabbit-holes" of complicated fairness. I appreciate that it's factored in that out of state folks don't pay some fees that Oregonians do and this is an effort to "balance" it out. I suggest that instead of thinking this way, drawing further divisions is not a solution. We instead need to make the fees the same for all. It's the Oregon Way, show the world the true meaning of equal. Think of the poor Ranger on the front lines having to explain why you are different than them. The double talk rationalization as to why, when, who, what, and then followed by "I'm sorry". I love when asked if there are any discounts, to say "no,,,,, just one discounted price for everybody". Schemes, like this always end-up sounding punitive and leave customers with a bad taste. As a Ranger I can attest that we are too busy to have yet another thing to explain, over and over. It has been done and did not work then either don't do this to us The other comment is (i think I speak for a lot of field staff) PLEASE, make the fees make sense i.e. \$40 not \$43, \$10 not \$7 new could be \$30-\$40-\$50-\$10, what we hear from customers all the time is OR. is cheap compared to other states. We waste more time and money chasing the \$1 change differences, it is frustrating. The beauty of one price for all, we can generate even more revenue now and they won't have to be changed again so soon. We can flex a bit with things like room taxes and other unforeseen raises in utilities for example. Our overhead is going to rise in the near future, this is certain, we ought to be proactive now. I know our clientele realize the impact on cost of doing business. Camping is not what it used to be, we all know this, virtually all things are not what they used to be, to think otherwise is silly, I'm not judging I'm simply being pragmatic. We are all being stretched in many ways, don't add to the stress loads. Thank You

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3:50:19 PM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Mark
Last name:	Whitham
Email:	markwhitham97701@gmail.com
Your public comment about this rule:	I support increasing out of state rv park fees. I feel they should be increased more than 25%. Out of state campers have flooded our campgrounds the last few years, making it impossible for Oregon residents to try and use our own services on short notice. Unless you plan to camp 4-6 months in advance, the campsites at most parks are full from June through October. I have noticed that almost half of these are out of state campers, many driving \$500,000 -1,000,000 diesel pushers. It would be great to discourage some out of staters from visiting Oregon, if they are coming anyways, they can more robustly support our state park system. Out of state college tuition is much more than in state tuition, this should be a no brainer.

Submission ID: 23c9a8d3-266c-432b-9408-67d55c7b6d9b

From: <u>Diana Grimm</u>

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Proposed OR State Park administrative rule changes

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:53:05 AM

It is my understanding there are 3 proposed rule changes. Charging extra RV fees to out of state residents seems to even the field, as we Oregonians are already paying hidden additional fees. The other 2 rule changes seem like just political posturing. What exactly is a "bias crime" and how would the fee collectors know a persons criminal history. They will just come in under another name or with another person. Just more work for State Parks staff...

We ABSOLUTELY DO NOT need another council. And it absolutely DOES NOT need to be appointed by the Governor. Just a waste of money to come up with more rule changes.

We love the Oregon State Parks, and they need HELP/FUNDING, not more rules and regulations. Sent from Mail for Windows

From: <u>Jennifer Blair</u>

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: RV increase for out-of-state campers **Date:** Tuesday, October 26, 2021 8:29:25 AM

As Oregon residents for 48 years who have faithfully paid our state taxes and utilized our incredible state parks every year, we support this change whole-heartedly. Just wish it could have been done earlier. It was both sad and frustrating to see so many out-of-state campers adding to the hot mess that was this last Oregon camping season. Patently unfair to Oregon residents. Would also be helpful to lessen the time periods for out-of-staters to camp in one site. So many CA and WA folks can work remotely that they are able to move from campsite to campsite every 14 days or less. A smaller percentage of Oregonians are able to do that, it seems. We also agree with the other two provisions of the proposed bill. May it pass snd go into effect as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Mike and Jennifer Blair Bend, OR 541-480-7400

Sent from my iPhone

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:29:18 AM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Greg
Last name:	Leo
Email:	greg@theleocompany.com
Your public comment about this rule:	For the record, my name is Greg Leo, I live at 9318 Champoeg Road NE in Northern Marion County adjacent to Champoeg State Heritage Area. I am testifying in support of Rule 736-002-0170 which implements HB 2171 making permanent the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Advisory Council. Establishment of this permanent Council will coordinate state policy concerning our growing and vital Oregon Recreation economy by having a permanent Council to advise the Department on policy question and a staff to implement a coordinate program to support this diverse and growing segment of Oregon's recreation economy. The allocation of positions on the council appear balanced and embraces Oregon's diversity. I support passage of this rule as noticed and published.

Submission ID: b073c416-11a7-47e0-a4a1-47dc8dea764c

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:16:30 PM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Bj
Last name:	Weaver
Email:	
Your public comment about this rule:	Impose the 25% fee increase for out of State and restrict the number of Out Of State site reservations. We own Oregon Registered RVs and boats and pay taxes and can't get into our own Oregon Parks!

Submission ID: f6a0d6d0-c7d5-4bb3-b3a0-3bd0ebb4c5b1

From: Pam Jost

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Why?

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:23:14 PM

Why would you want to discourage out of staters to visit your parks by raising fees for non-residenrs.

The surge in RVers is temporary. It will pass when the pandemic passes.

From:

To:

steve Wray
PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD
Monday, October 25, 2021 6:41:37 PM Date:

I don't agree with all 3 of the bills

From: <u>Richard Ragsdale</u>

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Proposed rules

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:54:47 PM

Dear officials,

I am very much in favor of increasing the out of state fees for campers in our state parks. As a RV owner I have resented for several years that I have been subsidizing out is state campers. If I could pick a rate it would be more than the 25% proposed.

I also agree that individuals convicted of a bias crime on public lands be banned from state parks for at least 5 years.

Thank you very much for considering these changes.

Richard Ragsdale Corvallis, Oregon

Sent from my iPad

From: Renee Davis

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:34:34 PM

Please dont allow the governor to choose a person. She wl hire her friends and be biased. Put a republican in the position. Our state has too many Dems ruining Oregon and we the people are not happy with her at all. Bring back the polls coz we dont like the mail in ballots. Too much cheating and you know it. Our votes are suppressed.

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 12:55:17 PM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	audie
Last name:	adams
Email:	atoejam@gmail.com
Your public comment about this rule:	I think the state of oregon should not raise rates for rv'ers from out of state the proposed 25%Go ahead and raise the fees 50% then you won't have hire new employees, in fact you can go ahead and let some of the employees go and they can collect unemployment from the state, because you will be running off that many more out of state rv'erssounds like a win-win situation to me

Submission ID: 59febf86-8925-4115-9c16-e5484a2ef74d

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Ann
Last name:	Schofield
Email:	Lakeshoreann@gmail.com
Your public comment about this rule:	We are Nevada seniors on a budget. We use your absolutely wonderful state parks to affordably enjoy your beautiful state. A 25% surcharge would be a hardship for us. We recently returned from a month of travel between Oregon state parks. We noticed that the majority of license plates were from Oregon. The ill will this proposal will cause is not worth the revenue it will generate. Please reconsider this action. Price increases and inflation are already hurting seniors.

Submission ID: b7040594-c395-4c3a-a87a-8b65e006c6f7

From: <u>Maxine Leagjeld</u>

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: New rules being considered regarding park usage: per KION 6 article of 10-25-21, Public Comment:

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:25:58 AM

Public Comment:

Senate Bill 289: NO.

WHY?? Do "bias individuals" commit more bias crimes on State Park Properties then any other place?? If a person is convicted of a bias crime act in a grocery store and hasn't corrected their ways, are they going to head to a State Park Property to do it again?? What I'm saying is, isn't the punishment for a CRIME done to change the individuals behavior? And if so, bias crimes can and do happen everywhere and you can't ban a person from "everywhere".

Senate Bill 794: NO.

There's a clear delinear between Licensing of vehicles which USE our roads versus the maintenance of State Park Properties. If State Parks Properties wants extra from out of State users to maintain its properties why wouldn't the entire State take advantage of this type of fee and charge everyone from out of State who comes here a fee to maintain their agency?? To me, this is just a money grab by the State Parks. Plus, tourism is one of Oregon's great income earners and we don't want to discourage Tourism.

House Bill 2171: NO.

Individuals appointed to the ORAD must be done by the Legislature with a 50/50 balance of Democrat and Republican. In fact every council or committee's should be set up this way. If appointed by the Governor, we the people know exactly how that goes. ALL members will be of the political party of the Governor. In my opinion, to keep a balanced Government you need balanced input from all sides, otherwise you end up with a single power hungry political party seeking total control. And, "WE THE PEOPLE" won't stand for that!!

My comments, Maxine Leagield
 From:
 davemc47@gmail.com

 To:
 PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD

Subject: Out Of State Camping Fee Increase

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 8:41:55 AM

What a terrible idea! Many Oregon businesses depend heavily on tourism to support their business. Why would we want to discourage out of state campers from coming to Oregon and shopping in our stores, eating in our restaurants and spending money for other essentials while visiting?

Sent from my iPad

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Debra
Last name:	Giltz
Email:	giltski@gmail.com
Your public comment about this rule:	My husband and I are 100% in favor of the fee increase for out of state campers.

Submission ID: bf7076e3-82df-4f48-86f8-32e88fa3bb1e

From: <u>Clair Coy</u>

To: PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD

Subject: Parks fees for out of state campers

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:41:04 AM

Hello-

We agree that out of state campers should assist in paying for the upkeep of our parks and a higher camping fee be assessed to them.

We agree that people convicted of crimes on public property or water ways should not be allowed back for 5 years.

And we also agree that members should be appointed for 3rd amendment.

Thanks,

Clair and John Coy

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:31:37 AM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Don
Last name:	Gasser
Email:	gassman18@juno.com
Your public comment about this rule:	This is the most irresponsible thing I could think of .You will be loosing a lot of business by adding a 25% out of state fee on RV reservations for out of state travelers. We camp a lot in Oregon but will not of this legislation goes through. I cant understand why Oregon cant get there shit together and use the money they have. I work in Oregon so I pay state taxes just like a person that lives here. Come on Oregon get it together!

Submission ID: 72e62ea6-19be-455c-97e8-ae5a9d277fd2

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>

Subject: Public comment: 2021 Legislative Implementation Rules

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:22:14 AM

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Tell us which rule you want to comment on:	2021 Legislative Implementation Rules
First name:	Ken_
Last name:	Stobie
Email:	Ken_Stobie@yahoo.com
Your public comment about this rule:	I totally agree with the 25% increase in fees for out of state users of Oregon state parks. I have felt for many years that it was unfair to Oregon taxpayers that out of state users didn't pay there fair share to use our parks. Hopefully this increase may slow down out of state users and increase the number of available days for Oregon residents to use Oregon State Parks!

Submission ID: b75a35d9-34a2-4175-8ad0-d82547321d18

From: Gary Lease

To: <u>PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD</u>
Subject: Out of state RV charges

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 7:10:57 AM

It is my opinion you no longer want out of state visitors. If you pass this plan, I for one will not visit your state. I will also insure every RV Facebook group I follow will receive a post monthly advising of this law. It is not only going to reduce the RV visitors but is is showing prejudice towards out of state visitors. Oregon has always been friendly towards visitors. Has something changed? If this law is passed, include your own RV owners in the fee across the board.

Gary Lease 5099452092 Yakima, WA

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Todd Call
PUBLICCOMMENT * OPRD To:

Subject: Rv Fee increase

Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 5:35:43 AM

Good Morning,

I would 100% support increase of Out of State RV fee's,,]

Todd Call Wilsonville, Or