Seeking feedback on procurement, contracting rule updates



alem, Oregon—Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is gathering public comments on proposed procurement and contracting rule updates now through Aug. 31.

The proposed rule updates seek to implement changes based on <u>SB 838B</u>. That legislation provided OPRD a limited exemption from the state's Public Contracting Code to better serve park visitors and support local businesses. The exemption does not apply to surplus property, information technology, photogrammetric mapping or telecommunications.

This rulemaking opened for public comment on July 28, 2025. The public is invited to comment on the proposed updates through 5 p.m. Aug. 31, 2025:

- Submit comments online on the <u>rules webpage</u>
- Attend a public hearing 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20
 - $\circ \ \ o \ Registration \ required \ to \ provide \ public \ comment: \ \underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Mg-QQFOLQ8OhHW4SqSEmeg}$
 - Watch the hearing: https://www.youtube.com/@oprddirectorsoffice5783/streams

Individuals who require special accommodations to view the meetings should contact Jo Niehaus at least three days in advance of the meeting at jo.niehaus@oprd.oregon.gov or 503-580-9210.

Once the public comment period ends, the proposal with any incorporated updates is slated to go to Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission in September for possible adoption and implementation.