

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 3350**

Sponsored by Representatives JOHNSON, HELM, BUEHLER; Representatives GOMBERG, HOLVEY, HUFFMAN, LININGER, SMITH DB, SMITH G, Senators PROZANSKI, THOMSEN

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to outdoor recreation; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 390.

**SECTION 2.** (1) The Office of Outdoor Recreation is established as an administrative section within the State Parks and Recreation Department, subject to the supervision of the Associate Director for Outdoor Recreation and the policies and procedures established by, and recommendations of, the State Parks and Recreation Director and the State Parks and Recreation Commission.

(2) The office shall consist of the associate director and all personnel employed in the office.

(3) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the office shall, in furtherance of the state policy declared in ORS 390.010:

(a) Coordinate outdoor recreation policy:

(A) Within the administrative divisions of the department; and

(B) Between the department and federal, state, regional and local government entities and nongovernmental entities.

(b) Assist in developing or updating the outdoor recreation management strategies of the department.

(c) Collaborate with the Oregon Tourism Commission and the Travel Information Council to create effective forums for communicating recreation-based initiatives and for sharing best practices.

(d) Serve as a clearinghouse and information center for outdoor recreation stakeholders.

(e) Develop data, independently or through contracts with appropriate public or private agencies, on the social, economic and resource impacts of outdoor recreation in this state.

(f) Promote the health and social benefits of outdoor recreation in coordination with other related state programs and initiatives.

(g) Report on the office's activities to the State Parks and Recreation Commission four times per year or as otherwise directed by the commission.

(4) The office shall coordinate and collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Department, representatives of regional and local governments, the outdoor recreation industry and other outdoor recreation stakeholders to promote economic development in this

state. In furtherance of promoting economic development, the office may recommend, adopt or assist in the implementation of policies and initiatives that:

(a) Encourage development of the outdoor recreation industry in a manner that improves recreational opportunities in this state.

(b) Maximize public and private investment in the outdoor recreation industry and in outdoor recreation activities in this state.

(c) Enhance quality of life and economic vibrancy in communities across the state.

(d) Strike a sensitive balance between development and preservation of the unique natural experience provided by Oregon's outdoor recreation resources, and between motorized and nonmotorized outdoor recreation activities.

(e) Take a proactive approach to enhancing regional and local outdoor recreation infrastructure.

(5) The office shall annually submit a report to the Legislative Assembly on the impacts of outdoor recreation in this state. The report required under this section may include:

(a) Other information about the office's activities; or

(b) Recommendations, which may include recommendations for legislation, on policies and initiatives that may be adopted by the legislature, the State Parks and Recreation Department or other state agencies to enhance the experiences of persons engaging in outdoor recreation in this state.

**SECTION 3.** (1) The State Parks and Recreation Director, upon consultation with and the approval of the State Parks and Recreation Commission, shall appoint an Associate Director of Outdoor Recreation to serve as the executive head of the Office of Outdoor Recreation within the State Parks and Recreation Department. The director and the commission shall appoint an individual well qualified by training and experience to serve for a term of four years unless sooner removed by the commission.

(2) The associate director shall receive such salary as may be prescribed by law. In addition to salary, subject to applicable law regulating travel and expenses of a state officer, the associate director shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

(3) The associate director shall be responsible to the State Parks and Recreation Director and the State Parks and Recreation Commission for administration and enforcement of the duties, functions and powers imposed by law upon the office.

(4) The associate director shall regularly consult with outdoor recreation representatives to assist the office in carrying out its duties under section 2 of this 2017 Act. When consulting with outdoor recreation representatives, the associate director shall take into consideration geographic and demographic diversity and include feedback from members of the outdoor recreation industry, the environmental community, the natural resources community, other outdoor recreation stakeholders and appropriate state, regional and local governmental entities.

**SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act become operative on January 1, 2018.

(2) The State Parks and Recreation Commission and the State Parks and Recreation Director may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the commission and the director to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the commission and the director by sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act.

**SECTION 5.** There is appropriated to the State Parks and Recreation Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$218,894 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 2 and 3 of this 2017 Act.

**SECTION 6.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect July 1, 2017.

**Passed by House July 1, 2017**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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