

## Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

June 14, 2023

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Agenda Item:	3a	<b>Information</b>
Public Comment Allowed:	<b>Yes</b>	
Topic:	<b>Legislative Update</b>	
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### **Background:**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session will conclude by June 25 or earlier. The Senate has not met since May 3 due to a lack of quorum. If that continues, any legislation that has not passed the senate will not be enacted this session. A continuing resolution passed early in session, will keep agency budgets operating through September.

We have one priority bill that has made it through both chambers. **SB 890** updates the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission membership to correct a statutory conflict created with the addition of a sixth congressional district. This bill passed out of the Senate on March 23 and the House on May 23. It is now waiting for the Governor's signature.

Below is information about legislation that may be of interest.

### **Waiting for Senate vote:**

**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. This bill passed the House 60-0 and is waiting for a vote on the Senate floor.

**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. It passed out of the Joint Tax Expenditure Committee and House floor, but lacks a vote in the Senate.

**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 passed out of the Joint Transportation committee, but is waiting for votes on the House and Senate floors.

## **In Committees:**

**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 passed out of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee and is in the Joint Tax Expenditure committee.

**SB 679** would provide \$250,000 in general funds for the Oregon Coast Trail. This would be new funding to continue 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 on the ocean shore. An expected amendment would direct OPRD to work with DLCDC and DSL on rulemaking around a definition for bio-engineering and guidance for when it is allowed within existing land use regulations. It is in the Ways and Means committee.

## **Likely not moving forward:**

**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, but was not scheduled for a work session.

**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 Parks and Recreation Association. This bill did not get a hearing or work session, so will not move forward.

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

**Action Requested:** none, information only

**Attachments:** none

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