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Measure Description:

Directs Office of Outdoor Recreation to study and make recommendations on development of Oregon Outdoors Pass.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Military Department (OMD), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Counties

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation directs the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), within the Oregon Military Department, to establish and administer an outdoor recreation search and rescue card program to allow people who engage in outdoor recreation to voluntarily contribute to the Oregon Search and Rescue Fund (Fund) by purchasing an outdoor recreation search and rescue card (card). OEM must coordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, and any other state or federal agency or private retailer to make cards available to purchase at locations where other licenses, permits, tags, and permits are sold. Cards may be valid for 1-5 years. Annual cards are to not to exceed \$10 for an individual or \$25 for a family, and multiyear cards for an individual are not to exceed \$50 or \$125 for a family. Agent fees for an annual card may not exceed \$1 or \$4 for a multiyear card. Revenues collected from card sales must be used to reimburse county sheriffs for costs incurred in performance of search and rescue activities; to administer and support an annual county search and rescue responsibilities. The OEM must submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly regarding the administration and effectiveness of the card program.

This legislation is anticipated to have a fiscal and revenue impact on the OEM and may have a fiscal impact on ODFW and OPRD. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required