

**SB 794 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Taylor

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 03/31/21

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-1-0-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Golden, Kennemer, Patterson, Prozanski

**Nays:** 1 - Heard

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/22, 3/31

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the range of user fees adopted by the State Parks and Recreation Commission for use of recreational vehicles at areas established and maintained by the State Parks and Recreation Department to be 25 percent greater for nonresidents than for residents. Takes effect on 91<sup>st</sup> day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Temporary park fee increases during COVID-19 pandemic
- Other states charge nonresidents more than residents to use state parks
- History of state parks funding

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) sets rates for the use of park facilities. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) collects user fees for overnight and day use facilities, and reservations.

Senate Bill 794 would require the Commission to set fees 25 percent higher for nonresidents than for residents for use of recreational vehicles at areas established and maintained by OPRD.