Senate Bill 634

Sponsored by Senator HANSELL (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Directs State Parks and Recreation Department to convene advisory committee to assist department in researching and developing recommendations for changes to campsite administration and reservation process to improve access for service-disabled veterans. Requires department to submit report on results of advisory committee to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2023.

Sunsets January 2, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to reservations for use of state parks; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Parks and Recreation Department shall convene an advisory committee to assist the department in researching and developing recommendations for changes to the state park campsite administration and reservation process that will improve access to campsites for service-disabled veterans. The committee shall be composed of service-disabled veterans who have obtained a special access pass from the department and at least one representative from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The State Parks and Recreation Department shall determine the number of members of the committee and the geographical representation of the members.

- (2) The State Parks and Recreation Department may develop a pilot program to test improvements recommended by the advisory committee.
- (3) On or before September 15, 2023, the State Parks and Recreation Department shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans' affairs. The report shall summarize the results of the advisory committee and may include recommendations for proposed legislation to improve state park campsite access for service-disabled veterans.
- (4) The State Parks and Recreation Department may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of the advisory committee or pilot program.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.

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