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To: Joint Subcommittee on Natural Resources; others

**Re: I OPPOSE [HB 5025]...As proposed...**

**I vehemently SUPPORT the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.**

I have reviewed the documents submitted and here are my first recommendations.

**Significant Budget Reduction of "Community Support and Grants."**

Allocate requisite resources to:

- accelerate debt repayment.
- update deferred maintenance and fund "vigorous preventative maintenance."
- protect the health, safety and retention of Agency staff.

**\*\*\*Lottery dollars might be lower than forecasted.**

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\*Eliminate the position of: "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer."

This position serves to implement, "**Government support for Institutionalized and Systemic Racism.**"

**Cost savings: \$216,073 Lottery dollars.**

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\*Eliminate \$300,000 General Fund dollars for Office of Outdoor Recreation Grants.

\*Eliminate the position of: "Operations & Policy Analyst in the Office of Outdoor Recreation. (\$200,000)

**Cost savings: \$ 500,000 General Fund dollars.**

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**Initiate reforms to recoup Network and Merchant charges.**

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**ATV and RV programs should be reconsidered for fee increases.**

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It is my prayer the Governor, generously recognizes the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, to thoroughly and competently express my sincere gratitude for their dedication and service.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
/s/ David S. Wall