

SB 890 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Taylor

Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Action Date: 03/15/23

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Girod, Golden, Prozanski, Smith DB, Taylor

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the composition of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission membership while retaining the seven-member total. Requires that the Governor appoint at least one member from each congressional district, rather than exactly one member from each district, and that the Governor consider outdoor recreation interest, heritage interest, and racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity in those appointments. Requires that the Governor appoint at least one member who resides west of the summit of the Coast Mountain Range and at least one member who resides east of the summit of the Cascade Mountain Range, rather than exactly one member from each region.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of the additional congressional district on multiple state boards and commissions
- Representation east of the Cascade Mountain Range
- Comparison of current and proposed membership

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission (Commission) consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for four-year terms. Current law requires that the Commission consist of seven members, and that one member must be appointed from each congressional district in the state, one member must reside west of the summit of the Coast Mountain Range, and one member must reside east of the summit of the Cascade Mountain Range.

Following the 2020 census, the number of congressional districts in Oregon increased from five to six, reflecting an increase in the state's population. This change creates a conflict with the statutory directive for the Commission membership.

Senate Bill 890 would modify the composition of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission membership while retaining the seven-member total.