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Senate Bill 812

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to unmanned aircraft systems.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 837.300 to 837.390.

SECTION 2. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 837.385, a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116, may enact an ordinance or resolution prohibiting or regulating the takeoff and landing of unmanned aircraft systems in parks owned by the local government.

(2) An ordinance enacted under subsection (1) of this section must:

(a) Allow utility providers a reasonable ability to use unmanned aircraft systems in parks for the purpose of inspecting utility lines.

(b) Allow public bodies to use unmanned aircraft systems in parks for emergency operations.

(c) Provide for an affirmative defense to a charge or claim of violation of the ordinance when a person performs an emergency landing of an unmanned aircraft system in a park in the absence of an equally safe alternative.

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