



# SB 812 Drones in Parks

## Parks are Shared Spaces

SB 812 allows local governments by resolution or ordinance to prohibit the take off and landing of uncrewed arial vehicles (UAV) in parks. Flying drones is a pastime that's growing in popularity and is perfectly appropriate in some parks- but not all parks and not in every part of a park. Just like a city may prohibit radio controlled cars on ball fields, a city should be able to prohibited UAV take-offs and landings where they are unsafe or damaging to wildlife. The Oregon State Parks Department has similar authority

## FAA Preemption

The [FAA](#) has issued guidance that it maintains exclusive authority to regulate the airspace but acknowledges that local governments may regulate where they may land and be launched from. The language the LOC and partners are asking for is allowable under federal law but is needed to alleviate a state preemption on a local government's authority to regulate UAV operations.

## We're not tying to ground the Fun

Local governments build and maintain parks for the enjoyment of everybody, including drone enthusiasts. Taking away an activity someone enjoys is contentious and can generate frustration but some activities are incompatible with others and safety concerns sometime require limitations. Launching a drone from a crowded soccer field or landing one where it will disturb wildlife interfere the public goals and the safety of others. SB 812 allows cities to prohibit these activities where they are problematic. The bill also requires a local government to pass or ordinance or resolution, which are public processes before imposing a prohibition.

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