

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: January 30, 2024
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Betty Izumi of Portland
Melissa Cribbins of Coos Bay

Terms

February 16, 2024 – February 15, 2028

Statutory Authority

[ORS 390.114 \(2023\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission has seven members, including at least one from each congressional district (DEUR (CD1), GRASTY (CD2), **IZUMI (CD3)**, **CRIBBINS (CD4)**, HILL (CD4), VACANT (CD5), BERGER (CD6)). Of those members, one must reside west of the summit of the Coast Mountain Range (DEUR) and one must reside east of the summit of the Cascade Mountain Range (GRASTY).⁴

When appointing members, the Governor must consider outdoor and heritage interest, as well as racial, ethnic, gender and geographic diversity. Members serve four-year terms. The Governor designates a chair. The commission meets once every three months.⁵

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 390.114 \(2023\)](#); This reflects a change in membership, established by [Senate Bill 890 \(2023\)](#) ([Chapter 167, Oregon Laws 2023](#)), due to the addition of a sixth congressional district, which was established in [Chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2021 \(first special session\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 390.114 and 390.117 \(2023\)](#)

Duties⁶

The commission promotes outdoor recreation and establishes policies for the operation of the State Parks and Recreation Department.

The commission must:

- appoint and guide a State Parks and Recreation director;
- authorize the use of specified funds, gifts, and donations;
- make recommendations regarding administration of the Office of Outdoor Recreation;
- consult with its director on the appointment of an associate director;
- conduct rulemaking in consultation with the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the governing bodies of federally recognized tribes within Oregon's borders, to establish procedures to resolve disputes concerning archaeological sites and historical materials; and
- appoint members to and consult with the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Commission and the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council.

The commission may:

- delegate certain functions to the State Parks and Recreation director;
- establish priorities for the acquisition of property and acquire real property or any right or interest in real property necessary for state park development or operations, or to contribute to the public welfare or enjoyment, including acquisitions based on natural, scenic, cultural, historic or recreational value;
- develop and maintain facilities and areas;
- acquire manage and dispose of real or personal property;
- enter into contracts for the betterment of parks or other specified purposes; and
- publish guides and other materials relating to recreational opportunities and other functions of the department.

⁶ [ORS 390.117 to 390.977 \(2023\)](#).



Parks and Recreation Commission, State

Agency: **Parks & Recreation Department, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 390.114**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

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Current Appointments

Izumi, Betty

CD 3

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028

Prof Deur, Douglas "Doug" E PhD

CD 1; West of the Cascades

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

6/1/2017 - 5/31/2021

Mrs Hill, Elizabeth "Liz" C

CD 4

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

Mr Grasty, Steven E

CD 2; East of Cascades

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

6/1/2017 - 5/31/2021

Ms Berger, Victoria "Vicki" J

CD 6

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

6/1/2017 - 5/31/2021

Ms Cribbins, Melissa T

CD 4

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028

Mr Blasher, Jonathan T

CD 3

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2019

Vacant Positions