



**Outfitter Guide
Fee Restructure
HB 2558**



Why Outfitter Guide Program Matters

Ensures consumers of guided recreation in the outdoors are serviced by individuals and businesses who meet the registration and safety requirements in ORS 704.

- **Registration** (occupational license)
 - Application, SOS registry, certificate of insurance, surety bond, employee list, **fee**, federal permits
- **Safety Requirements**
 - Background check, first aid, CPR, MMC/MPBOC licenses, drug consortium enrollment
- **Enforcement**
 - False Applications (criminal background)
 - Illegal Guiding (unlicensed)
 - Insufficient Safety Equipment
 - Fish & Wildlife Crimes
 - Ethical & Professional Standards

Problems Trying To Solve

Interstate Commerce

- Current non-resident OG fee structure (reciprocity) does not align with interstate commerce laws
- The state currently charges less to residents in pursuit of a common occupation license (OG registration) to the detriment of some non-resident competitors who pay more
- Differential in non-resident vs resident fees must be validated in showing actual burden (charging more to non-residents for occupational license)

Proposed Legislation

Introduced

- Restructure fees so that an annual OG registration is the same for an Oregon resident and non-resident
 - The annual fee proposed is **\$350**
- Establish an annual registration fee for an OG employee to offset agency processing costs of guide employees, currently no fee collected
 - The annual fee proposed is **\$25**
- Increase OG civil penalties for first and subsequent violations
 - The proposed civil penalty not to exceed amount is **\$1,000**
- Modify (simplify) “Charter Guide” definition

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Amendment Overview

- Restructure fees so that an annual OG registration is the same for an Oregon resident and non-resident
 - The annual registration fee proposed is **\$350**
- Establish an additional fee for Charter Guides
 - The annual additional fee proposed is **\$150**
- Establish registration and fee for Crew Member
 - The annual registration fee proposed is **\$50**
- Increase OG civil penalties for first and subsequent violations
 - The proposed civil penalty not to exceed amount is **\$1,000**