SB 565 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure instructs the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to study campground availability within 25 miles of the Oregon Coast, including the feasibility of expanding existing campgrounds and establishing new ones. It requires OPRD to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to state parks no later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) offers multiple options for those seeking to camp on or near the Oregon Coast. Reservations for State Parks campgrounds can be made online, with overnight fees dependent on the location. Some campsites do not accept reservations and operate as first-come-first-serve campgrounds. Along the Oregon Coast, there are 15 state parks and 2 state recreation areas/sites that offer overnight tent or recreational vehicle (RV) camping.