

HB 2925 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure revises the permitting process for ocean shore improvements regulated by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The measure establishes specific timelines for application review, notification, and hearings, and expands notice requirements to include nearby landowners, public bodies, and interested parties. The measure authorizes OPRD to issue emergency permits for erosion or natural hazard response and creates a framework for general authorization permits for low-impact, restorative, or conservation-focused projects with predictable effects.

The measure also requires OPRD to adopt rules to set permit fees, including fees for standard, emergency, and general authorization permits, based on administrative costs, project impact, and other factors. Fee revenue is deposited into a dedicated subaccount of the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund. The measure updates enforcement tools, appeal procedures, and penalties for violations.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1967, the Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 1601 which established public ownership of the land along the Oregon Coast from the water up to sixteen vertical feet above the low tide mark. The ocean shore is administered as a state recreation area by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). As such, ocean shore alterations such as the construction, repair, or replacement of shoreline protective structures, beach access ways, dune grading and sand alterations, pipelines and cables beneath the ocean shore require a permit administered by OPRD.