SB 838 A   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thatcher

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date:	03/12/25
Action:	Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote:	6-0-0-0
Yeas:	6 - Broadman, Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, McLane, Prozanski, Thatcher
Fiscal:	Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue:	Has minimal revenue impact
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Meeting Dates:	3/6, 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

This measure exempts the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) from the Public Contracting Code (PCC).

Detailed Summary:
- Exempts the OPRD's contracting activities from the PCC, except as to surplus property.
- Creates an exception to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' control of state printing and printing purchases for the following:
  - Advertisement and promotions of agricultural or manufactured products.
  - OPRD communications and advertisements about state recreational sites and resources.
- Removes outdated statutory definitions from ORS 282.010.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.
- Applies to the OPRD procurements solicited or conducted on or after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- Budget issues
- Increase in costs under PCC
- User fees
- Local contractors
- High-use sites
- Delays in addressing problems

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment fully exempts the OPRD's contracting activities from the PCC, except as to surplus property.

BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, public contracting is governed by the Oregon Public Contracting Code (PCC). As codified in ORS chapters 279, 279A, 279B, and 279C, the PCC is founded on the general principles of fully advertised, open, and fair competition with transparency and fairness. (See ORS 279A.015.) Public contracts typically govern the purchase, sale or lease of goods or services, or contracts for the construction of public improvements. Under the PCC, agencies must stablish, implement, and follow standardized procurement rules. Pursuant to ORS 279A.025, specified entities are exempted from the PCC.