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Bill Title: Relating to ocean shore permitting.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Parks and Recreation Department

Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

Summary of Revenue Impact

The measure allows the Parks and Recreation Department to collect a fee - see explanatory analysis.

Measure Description

The measure revises the permitting process for improvements on ocean shore properties regulated by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The measure establishes specific timelines for reviewing applications, providing public notice, and conducting hearings while expanding notification requirements to include landowners, adjacent property owners, and interested parties. Additionally, the measure authorizes OPRD to establish general authorization permits for certain ocean shore improvements that have predictable and minimal environmental impacts. The measure also allows the department to issue emergency permits.

The measure directs OPRD to adopt rules establishing fees for ocean shore improvement permits, emergency permits, and general authorization permits. These fees will be determined based on factors such as administrative costs, project impact, public benefit, and construction value. Revenue generated from permit fees will be deposited into a dedicated subaccount of the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund to support the ocean shore program. The measure repeals existing statutory provisions related to permitting fees and emergency permits.

Fiscal Analysis

In the 2023-25 biennium, OPRD collected \$581,224 in revenue from permitting fees. Future revenue projections for the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia are indeterminate because permitting revenue will fluctuate due to weather-related factors, the percentage of fee collection, and the number and complexity of applications received. The department has provided revenue estimates based on the average number of applications received since the start of the 2019-21 biennium, and the estimated agency costs per application, as these costs are expected to align more closely with the future set fees. However, the provided estimates assume the higher end of potential collections.

For the 2025-27 biennium, the department projects collection of approximately \$749,439 in revenue, with the same estimate for the 2027-29 biennium. The administrative rulemaking required under this measure can be absorbed within existing resources and is not expected to generate additional costs for the agency.

Fees collected under this measure will be deposited into a subaccount of the State Parks and Recreation Department Fund and continuously appropriated for the administration of the ocean shore program. The

department may require an increase in Other Funds expenditure limitation to support the implementation and ongoing operations of the ocean shore program.

Relevant Dates

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.