

House Bill 3462

Sponsored by Representative BOICE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would ban camping on public property other than school lands and state forests. The Act would punish a violation of the ban with a maximum fine of \$100. (Flesch Readability Score: 64.7).

Prohibits camping on public property other than school lands and state forests. Punishes by a maximum fine of \$100.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to camping on public property.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "public property" means property owned by the**
5 **state or a county, city or other political subdivision of the state.**

6 **(2)(a) Camping is prohibited on all public property that is not expressly designated as a**
7 **camping site in this state.**

8 **(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the prohibition does not apply to**
9 **school lands as defined in ORS 273.251 and state forests described in ORS 530.010.**

10 **(3) Public property on which camping is prohibited includes, but is not limited to:**

11 **(a) Recreational areas of all types and designations, including, but not limited to, public**
12 **parks, public playgrounds and sporting stadiums, facilities and grounds.**

13 **(b) Highways as defined in ORS 801.305, including bicycle lanes.**

14 **(c) Pedestrian paths and rights-of-way, including sidewalks as defined in ORS 801.485.**

15 **(d) Bicycle paths as defined in ORS 801.160 and bicycle lanes.**

16 **(e) Utility rights-of-way of all types and designations.**

17 **(f) Landscaped areas between highways and adjacent sidewalks.**

18 **(g) Riparian areas as defined in ORS 541.890.**

19 **(h) Public spaces, including, but not limited to, public buildings, public transportation**
20 **facilities, public parking facilities as defined in ORS 98.805 and public open spaces, including,**
21 **but not limited to, gardens, plazas, courtyards and atria.**

22 **(4) Violation of subsection (2) of this section is a Class E violation.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act applies to conduct occurring on or after the ef-**
24 **fective date of this 2025 Act.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.