

Senate Bill 378

Sponsored by Senator WEBER; Senator BONHAM (at the request of former Senator Lynn Findley) (Pre-session filed.)

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 make the SPRC allow senior citizens living in Oregon to use state parks at no cost. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.8).

Directs the State Parks and Recreation Commission to adopt rules authorizing persons 65 years or older who reside in Oregon to use any state park, individual campsite or day use fee area without charge.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to charges for senior citizens to use areas under the jurisdiction of the State Parks and
3 Recreation Department; amending ORS 390.124.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 390.124 is amended to read:

6 390.124. (1) In accordance with any applicable provision of ORS chapter 183, the State Parks and
7 Recreation Commission may adopt rules necessary to carry out the duties, functions and powers
8 imposed by law upon the commission and the State Parks and Recreation Department. Rules adopted
9 pursuant to this section shall be duly entered in the minutes and records of the commission.

10 (2)(a) The commission may adopt by rule a schedule setting forth the range of reasonable
11 charges that may be assessed for the use of areas established and maintained by the department.
12 The range of user fees relating to recreational vehicles must be 25 percent greater for nonresidents
13 than for residents of this state.

14 (b) With the approval of the commission, the State Parks and Recreation Director may set, ad-
15 just and assess fees for the use of areas established and maintained by the department. Fees assessed
16 under this paragraph must be within the range of reasonable charges adopted by the commission
17 under paragraph (a) of this subsection. The director may adjust a fee under this paragraph no more
18 than four times per calendar year. The director may also adopt rules establishing reductions in
19 waivers of or exemption from the charges.

20 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, the commission shall authorize the
21 use of any state park, individual campsite or day use fee area without charge:

22 (A) Upon the showing of proper identification, by a person maintaining a foster home, as defined
23 by ORS 418.625, and the person's children, when accompanied by a foster child residing in the home.

24 (B) Upon the showing of proper identification, by a person maintaining a developmental disa-
25 bility child foster home, as defined by ORS 443.830, and the person's children, when accompanied
26 by a foster child residing in the home.

27 (C) If a deed to, lease of or contract to use the property used as a state park, campsite or day
28 use fee area prohibits the charging of fees for use of the property.

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.

1 (D) Upon the showing of proper identification, by either a disabled veteran or a person on leave
2 from military active duty status on Memorial Day, Independence Day or Veterans Day.

3 **(E) Upon the showing of proper identification, by a person 65 years old or older who is**
4 **a resident of the State of Oregon.**

5 (3) The commission shall adopt any rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 that the commission
6 considers necessary to carry out ORS 273.563 to 273.591.

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