

HB 3149 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to cooperate with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and other interested stakeholders to develop action plan to complete Oregon Coast Trail. Provides requirements for action plan. Directs OPRD to coordinate with nonprofit organizations to raise funds and complete all aspects of action plan. Establishes Oregon Coast Trail Fund and authorizes gifts, grants, appropriations and donations to be deposited in fund for purposes of developing and implementing action plan, as well as developing, maintaining and operating Oregon Coast Trail and trail facilities. Requires OPRD to submit progress report on development of action plan to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2018 and to submit final action plan by September 15, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Merits of the bill

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes those provisions of the bill related to the creation of an Oregon Coast Trail fund and the requirement that the plan be completed and submitted to the legislature by September 15 2019, substituting instead that the Department must submit annual progress reports on the development and implementation of the plan.

BACKGROUND:

In 1971, the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act was passed to provide for outdoor recreation needs of residents and tourists and to promote public access to outdoor treasures of Oregon. The Oregon Coast Trail is one of the trails resulting from the act, and it offers hiking across beaches, forests and headlands. Most of the route is on the beach, although some segments wind through state parks, public lands and sometimes private property.

The Oregon Coast Trail is designed to extend along the entire coast from Washington to California. Currently, less than 60 miles of trail, much of which stretches along the shoulder of Highway 101, remains unfinished.

HB 3149 would direct the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and Department of Transportation (ODOT) to cooperate with stakeholders to develop an action plan to complete the Oregon Coast Trail (Trail). The bill would establish the Oregon Coast Trail Fund, which may be used to develop and implement the action plan and to develop, maintain and operate the Trail and Trail facilities. The measure would require OPRD to submit a progress report on the development of the action plan to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2018 and a final plan no later than September 15, 2019.