

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2712

Ordered by the House May 8
Including House Amendments dated May 8

Sponsored by Representative P SMITH (at the request of Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon)

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.

Creates interim task force on land divisions. Directs task force to **study and** make recommendations to improve process for subdividing and partitioning land and making property line adjustments and to address issues that arise from transactions that result in unlawful divisions of land.
Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to task force regarding land divisions; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Land Division whose members are knowledgeable about and affected by Oregon's system for creating lots and parcels by subdividing and partitioning land and for making property line adjustments.

(2) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint 14 members to the task force as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The members of the task force must include:

(a) Two representatives of the Association of Oregon Counties;

(b) Two representatives of the League of Oregon Cities;

(c) One surveyor who is employed by or associated with a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109;

(d) One surveyor who is not employed by or associated with a public body, as defined in ORS 174.109;

(e) One representative of a county planning department;

(f) One representative of a city planning department;

(g) One member of the Oregon State Bar;

(h) One representative of the Land Conservation and Development Commission;

(i) One representative of a statewide nonprofit organization that represents the interests of real estate licensees;

(j) One private developer of residential dwelling units; and

(k) Two members of the general public who are private land owners.

(4) The purpose of the task force is to study Oregon's system for creating lots and parcels by subdividing and partitioning land and for making property line adjustments, and to make recommendations for improvement with regard to specific issues, including:

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 (a) Identifying opportunities to make the system simpler and more efficient;

2 (b) Methods of addressing issues that arise from dissimilarities in the process between
3 counties due to differences in the practices of planners, surveyors and assessors;

4 (c) Methods of addressing issues that arise from the creation of illegal “lots and
5 parcels” through transactions that do not comply with the legal requirements for land divi-
6 sions; and

7 (d) Methods by which subdivisions, partitions and property line adjustments are recorded.

8 (5) The task force shall:

9 (a) Conduct public meetings;

10 (b) Gather comprehensive information necessary for the task force to carry out its pur-
11 pose under subsection (4) of this section;

12 (c) Provide information regarding the current process for making land divisions and
13 boundary adjustments as necessary to inform the public’s discussion; and

14 (d) Develop legislation for recommendation to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly.

15 (6) The task force:

16 (a) Is subject to the provisions of ORS 171.605 to 171.635, except that members of the task
17 force are not entitled to reimbursement under ORS 171.620 (5); and

18 (b) Has the authority contained in ORS 171.505 and 171.510.

19 (7) Agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the
20 task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to
21 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice as the members of the task force consider
22 necessary to perform their duties.

23 (8) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
24 of business.

25 (9) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
26 of the task force.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
28 regular biennial legislative session.

29 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.

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