

House Bill 2712

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 **as introduced**.

Creates interim task force on land divisions. Directs task force to 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

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

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Land Division consisting of 10 mem-**
5 **bers who are knowledgeable about and affected by Oregon's system for creating lots and**
6 **parcels by subdividing and partitioning land and for making property line adjustments.**

7 **(2) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members of the task force from among**
8 **the members of the Senate and three members of the task force who must be public mem-**
9 **bers.**

10 **(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members of the task**
11 **force from among members of the House of Representatives and three members of the task**
12 **force who must be public members.**

13 **(4) The purpose of the task force is to address the needs of property owners by studying**
14 **Oregon's system for creating lots and parcels by subdividing and partitioning land and for**
15 **making property line adjustments, and by making recommendations for improvement with**
16 **regard to specific issues, including:**

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

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

20 **(c) Methods of addressing issues that arise from the creation of illegal "lots and**
21 **parcels" through transactions that do not comply with the legal requirements for land divi-**
22 **sions.**

23 **(5) The task force shall:**

24 **(a) Conduct public meetings;**

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

27 **(c) Provide information regarding the current process for making land divisions and**
28 **boundary adjustments as necessary to inform the public's discussion; and**

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

30 **(6) The task force is subject to the provisions of ORS 171.605 to 171.635 and has the au-**

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1 **thority contained in ORS 171.505 and 171.510.**

2 **(7) Agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, shall assist the task force**
3 **in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**
4 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice as the members of the task force consider**
5 **necessary to perform their duties.**

6 **(8) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
7 **of business.**

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

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

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

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