

# House Bill 2960

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## 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**.

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to review and consider Forest Park for possible designation as area of critical state concern. Directs commission to report to legislative committee indicating whether commission recommends designation and to make further recommendations for park and related area of influence.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to land use planning for large urban parks.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Area of influence" means land that contributes to the natural and open space values**  
6 **of Forest Park, including wildlife and riparian corridors.**

7 (b) **"Forest Park" means Portland's Forest Park, including the Balch Creek watershed.**

8 (c) **"Local government" has the meaning given that term in ORS 197.015.**

9 (d) **"Special district" has the meaning given that term in ORS 197.015.**

10 (2) **The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall review and consider For-**  
11 **est Park for possible designation as an area of critical state concern. Based on the review,**  
12 **the commission shall report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Land Use or other ap-**  
13 **propriate legislative committee. The report must indicate whether the commission recom-**  
14 **mends that the Legislative Assembly designate Forest Park and the area of influence as an**  
15 **area of critical state concern pursuant to ORS 197.405.**

16 (3) **In making the recommendations required by subsection (2) of this section, the com-**  
17 **mission shall:**

18 (a) **Determine, in cooperation with local governments and special districts with jurisdic-**  
19 **tion over the land area in Forest Park and the area of influence, and describe in its recom-**  
20 **mendations the precise boundaries of Forest Park and the area of influence;**

21 (b) **Evaluate whether the regional framework plan and applicable comprehensive plans**  
22 **preserve the natural and open space values of Forest Park; and**

23 (c) **Summarize the local, regional and state:**

24 (A) **Programs that apply to Forest Park and the area of influence; and**

25 (B) **Policies and measures that apply to the identified natural and open space values of**  
26 **Forest Park.**

27 (4) **In performing the actions required by this section, the commission shall consult with**  
28 **other appropriate entities including, but not limited to, members of the public, affected state**  
29 **agencies, local governments and special districts.**

30 (5) **To offset costs incurred by local governments assisting the commission in performing**

**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 **the requirements of this section, the commission shall make available to local governments**  
2 **grant funds as described in ORS 197.639.**

3 **(6) The commission shall make the recommendations required by subsection (2) of this**  
4 **section to the Joint Legislative Committee on Land Use, or other appropriate legislative**  
5 **committee, within two years after the effective date of this 2007 Act.**

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