

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3481

Ordered by the House May 4
Including House Amendments dated May 4

Sponsored by Representatives C EDWARDS, G SMITH; Representatives BARNHART, BOQUIST, CLEM, HUNT, ROBLAN, Senator NELSON

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.

[Lengthens rotation cycle for harvesting timber on lands not eligible for special assessments from 12 years to 20 years.]

[Applies to assessments of forestland for property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2008.]
Creates Task Force on Oregon's Hybrid Poplar Industry. Specifies membership and duties of task force.

Sunsets on convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to timber; 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 Oregon's Hybrid Poplar Industry,**
5 **consisting of seven members. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President**
6 **of the Senate shall jointly appoint:**

7 (a) **One member of the House of Representatives.**

8 (b) **One member of the Senate.**

9 (c) **One member who is a grower of hybrid poplar trees from western Oregon.**

10 (d) **One member who is a grower of hybrid poplar trees from eastern Oregon.**

11 (e) **One member who is a member of the Oregon Forest Industries Council.**

12 (f) **One member who is a member of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association.**

13 (g) **One member who is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau.**

14 (2) **The task force shall study Oregon's hybrid poplar tree industry and review laws and**
15 **rules, specifically those relating to tax assessment and various regulatory issues, that affect**
16 **the hybrid poplar industry.**

17 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
18 **of business.**

19 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
20 **of the task force.**

21 (5) **The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

22 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
23 **ment to become immediately effective.**

24 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
25 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

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 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

2 **(9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**
3 **lation, to an interim committee related to forests and forest products as appropriate no later**
4 **than December 1, 2007.**

5 **(10) To the greatest extent practicable, the State Forestry Department shall provide staff**
6 **support to the task force.**

7 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for**
8 **expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

9 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
10 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**
11 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
12 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

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

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

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