

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3481

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line and in-
2 sert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

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 trans-**
18 **action 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.**

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

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

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

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

34 **“(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
35 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**

1 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
2 consider necessary to perform their duties.

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 Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the**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

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

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