

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 544**

Ordered by the Senate April 30  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 30

Sponsored by Senators MORSE, AVAKIAN, BEYER, JOHNSON

**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.

*[Allows arbitration as alternative to Court of Appeals for appeals from final orders of Director of Department of State Lands relating to permits to remove material from beds or banks of any waters of this state and permits for filling waters of this state.]*

**Directs Department of State Lands to investigate feasibility of establishing certification program for professional wetland scientists and to submit report and recommendations for legislation to Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to Department of State Lands; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of State Lands shall investigate the feasibility of estab-**  
5 **lishing an Oregon certification program for professional wetland scientists. The study shall**  
6 **include but need not be limited to:**

7 (a) **The feasibility of a certification program for professional wetland scientists;**

8 (b) **The existence and validity of professional wetland scientist certification programs;**

9 (c) **The professional methods and procedures about which a professional wetland scientist**  
10 **should be knowledgeable;**

11 (d) **The scope of an initial examination for certification and any continuing education**  
12 **requirements that should be imposed;**

13 (e) **A recommendation of an appropriate entity to administer the certification program;**  
14 **and**

15 (f) **Recommended fees for certification as necessary to cover the expenses of operating**  
16 **a certification program.**

17 (2) **Not later than January 15, 2009, the department shall submit a report and recom-**  
18 **mendations for legislation to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly in the manner provided**  
19 **by ORS 192.245.**

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 Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  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

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

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.