

**B-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 544**

Ordered by the House May 29  
Including Senate Amendments dated April 30 and House Amendments  
dated May 29

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.

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]* **interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources.**

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 November 1, 2008, the department shall submit a report of the findings**  
18 **of the study conducted under this section, and shall include recommendations for legislation,**  
19 **to the interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources.**

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 Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  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.