

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 790

Ordered by the Senate May 9
Including Senate Amendments dated May 9

Sponsored by Senator DECKERT; Representatives BOONE, COWAN (at the request of Nadine Lefkowitz)

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.

Places moratorium on leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea. **Allows exploration, development or production if Governor determines oil embargo substantially affects supply of oil to United States.** Excludes exploration for scientific or academic research purposes, or geologic survey activities. Requires that exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea conform to certain standards.

Sunset January 2, [2012] 2010.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to leasing of ocean resources.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 274.705 to 274.860 or 520.240, any**
5 **form of leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur**
6 **is prohibited in the territorial sea.**

7 **(2)(a) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section do not apply to exploration for sci-**
8 **entific or academic research purposes, or geologic survey activities of the State Department**
9 **of Geology and Mineral Industries.**

10 **(b) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section also do not apply in the event the**
11 **Governor determines that an oil embargo substantially affects the supply of oil to the United**
12 **States.**

13 **(3) Any exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in the territorial sea allowed under ORS 274.705**
14 **to 274.860 and 274.885 to 274.895 by the State Land Board or the Department of State Lands**
15 **must conform to standards of the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Program estab-**
16 **lished under ORS 196.405 to 196.515.**

17 **(4) For the purposes of this section:**

18 **(a) "Gas" means all natural gas, gas hydrates and all fluid hydrocarbons not defined as**
19 **oil in this subsection. "Gas" includes condensate originally in the gaseous phase in the res-**
20 **ervoir.**

21 **(b) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and all other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity,**
22 **that are produced in liquid form by ordinary production methods. "Oil" does not include liq-**
23 **uid hydrocarbons that were originally in a gaseous phase in the reservoir.**

24 **(c) "Territorial sea" has the meaning given that term in ORS 196.405.**

25 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on January 2, 2010.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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