

Senate Bill 818

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Oregon's Strategic Forest Reserve. Directs task force to study using nonrural public land for growing trees.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

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 Strategic Forest Reserve,**
5 **consisting of 12 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 **(A) Two members from among members of the Senate.**

8 **(B) Two members who are on the faculty of the College of Forestry at Oregon State**
9 **University.**

10 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

11 **(A) Two members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

12 **(B) Two members who are on the faculty of the Institute for a Sustainable Environment**
13 **at the University of Oregon.**

14 **(c) The Director of Transportation shall appoint two representatives from the Depart-**
15 **ment of Transportation.**

16 **(d) The State Forester shall appoint two members from the State Forestry Department.**

17 **(2) The task force shall consider and evaluate planting trees on public lands in nonrural**
18 **areas, including but not limited to buffer or safety zones alongside highways and inter-**
19 **changes, for the following purposes:**

20 **(a) Economic development;**

21 **(b) Providing funds to counties;**

22 **(c) Highway beautification;**

23 **(d) Habitat;**

24 **(e) Sequestering carbon; and**

25 **(f) Absorbing noxious fumes and noise.**

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

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

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

31 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

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 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

5 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
6 lation, to the interim committees related to natural resources and economic development as
7 appropriate no later than October 1, 2008.

8 (10) The Department of Transportation and the State Forestry Department shall provide
9 staff support to the task force.

10 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
11 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
12 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
13 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
14 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation
15 and the State Forestry Department for that purpose.

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

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 July 1, 2007.

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