

House Bill 2534

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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 **as introduced**.

Requires agencies of executive department to take certain actions to protect environment. Allows associations and organizations to request contested case hearing on environmental impact statements.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to agency actions affecting the environment.

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

4 **SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (1) **Protecting the environment in Oregon is a matter of statewide concern.**

6 (2) **The interrelationship of policies and practices in the management of the environment**
7 **requires systematic efforts to enhance environmental quality and to control environmental**
8 **pollution.**

9 (3) **Oregon's environment will be best protected if regulatory activities by the state are**
10 **conducted so that enhanced consideration is given to preventing damage to the environment.**

11 **SECTION 2. All agencies of the executive department as defined in ORS 174.112 shall:**

12 (1) **Utilize a systematic, interdisciplinary approach that will ensure the integrated use of**
13 **the natural and social sciences and the environmental design arts in planning and in**
14 **decision-making that may have an impact on the environment in Oregon.**

15 (2) **Identify and develop methods and procedures that will ensure that environmental**
16 **protection is given consideration in decision-making along with economic and technical con-**
17 **siderations.**

18 (3) **Include in every recommendation or report on proposals for major state actions sig-**
19 **nificantly affecting the quality of the environment a detailed environmental impact state-**
20 **ment regarding:**

21 (a) **The environmental impact of the proposed action;**

22 (b) **Any adverse environmental effects that cannot be avoided if the proposal is imple-**
23 **mented;**

24 (c) **Alternatives to the proposed action;**

25 (d) **The relationship between local short-term uses of the environment and the mainte-**
26 **nance and enhancement of long-term productivity; and**

27 (e) **Any irreversible and irretrievable commitments of natural resources that are involved**
28 **if the proposed action is implemented.**

29 (4) **Study, develop and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of**
30 **action in any proposal that involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of**

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 available natural resources.

2 **SECTION 3. An association or organization has standing to request a contested case**
3 **hearing under ORS chapter 183 on an environmental impact statement issued under section**
4 **2 of this 2009 Act if:**

5 (1) One or more members of the association or organization are adversely affected or
6 aggrieved by the environmental impact statement;

7 (2) The interests that the association or organization seeks to protect are germane to the
8 purpose of the association or organization; and

9 (3) The nature of the claim and the relief requested do not require that the members of
10 the association or organization who are adversely affected or aggrieved participate in the
11 contested case hearing.

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