

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2579

By COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “amending ORS 506.109 and 509.216” and insert “and
2 declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Lower Columbia River Salmon
5 Harvest Allocation, consisting of 12 voting members appointed as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the
7 Senate. One member must be a member of the Democratic party and one must be a member
8 of the Republican party.**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among
10 members of the House of Representatives. One member must be a member of the Demo-
11 cratic party and one must be a member of the Republican party.**

12 **“(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
13 jointly appoint:**

14 **“(A) Four members who represent the commercial fishing industry; and**

15 **“(B) Four members who represent sport anglers.**

16 **“(2) In addition to the voting members specified in subsection (1) of this section, the
17 State Fish and Wildlife Director shall appoint the following persons to serve as nonvoting
18 advisory members of the task force:**

19 **“(a) One or more members who are employees of the State Department of Fish and
20 Wildlife;**

21 **“(b) One member who represents the Columbia River Indian tribes described in ORS
22 497.170;**

23 **“(c) One member who represents conservation groups; and**

24 **“(d) One member who represents federal agencies that work on issues related to the
25 Columbia River.**

26 **“(3)(a) The task force shall:**

27 **“(A) Consider and identify recommendations for legislation that may result in additional
28 commercial and recreational fishing opportunities; and**

29 **“(B) Consider and identify recommendations for legislation related to fishing gear that
30 may enhance commercial fisheries and provide additional access to hatchery salmon.**

31 **“(b) In making recommendations for legislation under this subsection, the task force
32 shall:**

33 **“(A) Evaluate the practicality, and estimate the costs and effects, of implementing the
34 recommendations for legislation;**

35 **“(B) Endeavor to recognize the economic and historical importance of commercial and**

1 recreational fishing to this state; and

2 “(C) Seek to maximize the long term viability, predictability, resilience and diversity of
3 all sectors of this state’s fishing economy.

4 “(4)(a) The task force shall choose a mediator from those available through the Mark
5 O. Hatfield School of Government as described in ORS 36.179.

6 “(b) The mediator shall facilitate the meetings of the task force and assist the task force
7 in the performance of its duties.

8 “(c) Any expenses related to the mediator shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the
9 State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

10 “(5) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
11 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

12 “(6) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

13 “(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

14 “(8) The task force shall have its first meeting on or before the later of 30 days after
15 adjournment sine die of the regular session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly or July
16 31, 2009.

17 “(9) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
18 transaction of business.

19 “(10) Official action by the task force requires the approval of all the voting members of
20 the task force.

21 “(11) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-
22 pointment to become immediately effective.

23 “(12) The task force shall submit a consensus report, and shall include recommendations
24 for legislation, to the interim legislative committees related to salmon fishing no later than
25 January 1, 2011.

26 “(13) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall provide staff support to the task
27 force.

28 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
29 not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and
30 other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner
31 and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing func-
32 tions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to State Department of Fish
33 and Wildlife.

34 “(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
35 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
36 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
37 consider necessary to perform their duties.

38 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the
39 next regular biennial legislative session.

40 “SECTION 3. If the Task Force on Lower Columbia River Salmon Harvest Allocation
41 created by section 1 of this 2009 Act does not submit a consensus report to the interim leg-
42 islative committees by January 1, 2011, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, in imple-
43 menting the salmon allocation formula, shall reduce lower Columbia River salmon allocation
44 by an amount that is between 30 percent and 40 percent for the calendar years 2011 and 2012.

45 “SECTION 4. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.”**

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