

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO B-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 3153

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

June 17

1 Delete lines 4 through 15 of the printed B-engrossed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Consult’ means to make an effort to contact for purpose of notifying the record**  
4 **owner of the opportunity to meet.**

5 **“(b) ‘High-value farmland’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 195.300.**

6 **“(c) ‘Transmission line’ means a linear utility facility by which a utility provider trans-**  
7 **fers the utility product in bulk from a point of origin or generation, or between transfer**  
8 **stations, to the point at which the utility product is transferred to distribution lines for de-**  
9 **livery to end users.**

10 **“(2) If the criteria described in ORS 215.275 for siting a utility facility on land zoned for**  
11 **exclusive farm use are met for a utility facility that is a transmission line, the utility pro-**  
12 **vider shall, after the route is approved by the siting authorities and before construction of**  
13 **the transmission line begins, consult the record owner of high-value farmland in the planned**  
14 **route for the purpose of locating and constructing the transmission line in a manner that**  
15 **minimizes the impact on farming operations on high-value farmland. If the record owner**  
16 **does not respond within two weeks after the first documented effort to consult the record**  
17 **owner, the utility provider shall notify the record owner by certified mail of the opportunity**  
18 **to consult. If the record owner does not respond within two weeks after the certified mail**  
19 **is sent, the utility provider has satisfied the provider’s obligation to consult.**

20 **“(3) The requirement to consult under this section is in addition to and not in lieu of any**  
21 **other legally required consultation process.”.**

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