

# House Joint Resolution 35

Sponsored by Representatives C EDWARDS, CLEM

## SUMMARY

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Expresses support for findings of report issued by Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee. Expresses support for effort by Governor to form group to oversee implementation of report.

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Whereas 57 percent of the 28 million acres of forestlands in this state are federally owned; and

Whereas federally owned forestlands have a profound influence on the economic, environmental and social well-being of this state; and

Whereas federal policy and budget decisions have led to a progressive disinvestment in federally owned forestlands in this state, to the detriment of the economic, environmental and social values those forestlands might otherwise produce; and

Whereas in seeking a greater voice in the management of federally owned forestlands in this state, Governor Ted Kulongoski asked the State Board of Forestry to provide leadership in crafting a unified Oregon vision for the role those forestlands should play in the well-being of this state; and

Whereas the State Board of Forestry appointed a highly diverse and committed group of individuals to form the Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, by unanimous consensus agreement, the Federal Forestlands Advisory Committee produced the report titled *Oregon's Vision for Federal Forestlands* that was subsequently accepted by the State Board of Forestry and Governor Kulongoski; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly:

(1) Support the findings and recommendations of the report titled *Oregon's Vision for Federal Forestlands*; and

(2) Support Governor Kulongoski's effort to form a multi-stakeholder group representative of Oregon interests in order to oversee the implementation of the report by:

(a) Committing the collective resources and energies of the stakeholders to the successful achievement of the report recommendations; and

(b) Seeking funding, support and cooperation from federal partners and policy makers.

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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. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.