

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 942

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Including Senate Amendments dated May 13

Sponsored by Senator VERGER; Senators BURDICK, CARTER, MORRISETTE, PROZANSKI, Representatives BARNHART, OLSON, J SMITH (at the request of Teddy Keizer)

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.

[Requires Department of Environmental Quality to create and implement Oregon Climate Corps to place individuals throughout Oregon to work on efforts to address climate change.] **Requires University of Oregon to implement Oregon Climate Corps through University of Oregon Institute for Sustainable Environment Climate Masters program.** Specifies types of projects to be included in program. *[Requires individuals participating in program to pay fee to cover costs of training and placement.]* **Requires university to develop long-term plan to fund corps.**

Establishes Oregon Climate Corps Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys in fund to *[department]* **university** to implement program.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Climate Corps; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The University of Oregon, after consultation with the Oregon State Uni-**
5 **versity Extension Service, shall:**

6 **(a) Implement the Oregon Climate Corps through the University of Oregon Institute for**
7 **a Sustainable Environment Climate Masters program to help Oregon residents, businesses**
8 **and other entities increase their understanding of climate change, to reduce greenhouse gas**
9 **emissions and to address the climate change challenges that Oregon faces. The Oregon Cli-**
10 **mate Corps shall be a trained corps of volunteers to act as catalysts in support of the efforts**
11 **of public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109, the private sector and nongovernmental organ-**
12 **izations.**

13 **(b) Model the Oregon Climate Corps described in paragraph (a) of this subsection on**
14 **other successful public service programs, including but not limited to the Oregon State**
15 **University Master Gardener and Master Recycler programs, AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps**
16 **VISTA.**

17 **(2) Individuals participating in the Oregon Climate Corps shall work on projects meant**
18 **to address climate challenges, including but not limited to:**

19 **(a) Carbon sequestration projects such as local community tree-planting initiatives.**

20 **(b) Climate initiatives that emphasize affordable and easily implemented actions for**
21 **homes, local communities, private businesses, schools and public entities.**

22 **(c) Educational projects to increase the implementation of cost-effective, easily achieva-**
23 **ble changes in practices.**

24 **(d) Projects related to renewable energy technologies.**

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 **(e) Energy conservation and efficiency projects, such as home weatherization and the**
2 **installation of solar panels and other renewable energy technologies.**

3 **(f) Projects to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from transportation, from manufacturing**
4 **and from food and produce use and acquisition.**

5 **(3)(a) The University of Oregon, after consultations with the Oregon State University**
6 **Extension Service, shall develop a long-term plan to fund the Oregon Climate Corps.**

7 **(b) The University of Oregon may accept grants, donations, contribution or gifts from**
8 **any source for deposit in the Oregon Climate Corps Fund established under section 2 of this**
9 **2009 Act for expenditures for any purpose consistent with this section.**

10 **SECTION 2.** **The Oregon Climate Corps Fund is established in the State Treasury, sepa-**
11 **rate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Climate Corps Fund**
12 **shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Uni-**
13 **versity of Oregon for the purposes specified in section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

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