Senate Bill 969

Sponsored by Senator MORRISETTE; Representative COWAN

SUMMARY

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Authorizes existing model railroad that is one-third scale or smaller as outright permitted use of land zoned for forest use or mixed farm and forest use. Authorizes inspection of use to ensure safety of users of model railroad and protection of riparian lands.
Sunsets January 2, 2015.

1 **A BILL FOR AN ACT**

2 Relating to a model railroad on resource land.

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

4   SECTION 1. **(1) A model railroad and all related structures are an outright permitted use**

5 **of land zoned for forest use or mixed farm and forest use if the model railroad:**

6   **(a) Is one-third scale or smaller;**

7   **(b) Is operated without an admission fee on an invitation-only basis for 50 or fewer people**

8 **at a time as a hobby; and**

9   **(c) Was established on or before January 1, 2009.**

10   **(2) The use allowed under this section may not be disallowed for failure of the property**

11 **owner to obtain state or local government permits or approval, including but not limited to**

12 **building permits, riparian modification or restoration permits and permits for the operation**

13 **of an amusement ride. However, a model railroad and all related structures allowed under**

14 **this section are subject to inspection for purposes of:**

15   **(a) Determining that structures are in compliance or can be brought into compliance**

16 **with building code requirements;**

17   **(b) Reviewing riparian modification and restoration already accomplished and determin-**

18 **ing whether additional riparian restoration is needed; and**

19   **(c) Determining that structures are in compliance with or can be brought into compli-**

20 **ance with fire safety requirements.**

21   SECTION 2. **Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed January 2, 2015.**

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