

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2753**

Ordered by the Senate June 1  
Including Senate Amendments dated June 1

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Pre-session filed.)

**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.

**Prohibits establishment of guest ranches in certain federally designated areas or in area established by Congress for protection of scenic or ecological resources.**

Extends sunset from 2012 to 2018 for provisions authorizing establishment of guest ranches.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to guest ranches; amending sections 2 and 6, chapter 84, Oregon Laws 2010.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 2, chapter 84, Oregon Laws 2010, is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section and section 3 [*of this 2010 Act*], **chapter 84, Oregon Laws**  
6 **2010:**

7 (a) "Guest lodging unit" means a guest room in a lodge, bunkhouse, cottage or cabin used only  
8 for transient overnight lodging and not for a permanent residence.

9 (b) "Guest ranch" means a facility for guest lodging units, passive recreational activities de-  
10 scribed in subsection (6) of this section and food services described in subsection (7) of this section  
11 that are incidental and accessory to an existing and continuing livestock operation that qualifies  
12 as a farm use.

13 (c) "Livestock" means cattle, sheep, horses and bison.

14 (2) Subject to the provisions of ORS 215.296 (1) and (2) and other approval or siting standards  
15 of a county, a guest ranch may be established in an area of eastern Oregon, as defined in ORS  
16 321.805, that is zoned for exclusive farm use **unless the proposed site of the guest ranch is**  
17 **within the boundaries of or surrounded by:**

18 **(a) A federally designated wilderness area or a wilderness study area;**

19 **(b) A federally designated wildlife refuge;**

20 **(c) A federally designated area of critical environmental concern; or**

21 **(d) An area established by an Act of Congress for the protection of scenic or ecological**  
22 **resources.**

23 (3) The guest ranch must be located on a lawfully established unit of land that:

24 (a) Is at least 160 acres;

25 (b) Contains the dwelling of the individual conducting the livestock operation; and

26 (c) Is not high-value farmland, as defined in ORS 215.710.

27 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the guest lodging units of the guest  
28 ranch cumulatively must:

**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 (a) Include not fewer than four nor more than 10 overnight guest lodging units; and

2 (b) Not exceed a total of 12,000 square feet in floor area, not counting the floor area of a lodge  
3 that is dedicated to kitchen area, rest rooms, storage or other shared or common indoor space.

4 (5) For every increment of 160 acres that the lawfully established unit of land on which the  
5 guest ranch is located exceeds the minimum 160-acre requirement described in subsection (3) of this  
6 section, up to five additional overnight guest lodging units not exceeding a total of 6,000 square feet  
7 of floor area may be included in the guest ranch for a total of not more than 25 guest lodging units  
8 and 30,000 square feet of floor area.

9 (6) A guest ranch may provide passive recreational activities that can be provided in conjunc-  
10 tion with the livestock operation's natural setting including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing,  
11 hiking, biking, horseback riding, camping and swimming. A guest ranch may not provide intensively  
12 developed recreational facilities, including golf courses as identified in ORS 215.283.

13 (7) A guest ranch may provide food services only for guests of the guest ranch, individuals ac-  
14 companying the guests and individuals attending a special event at the guest ranch. The cost of  
15 meals, if any, may be included in the fee to visit or stay at the guest ranch. A guest ranch may not  
16 sell individual meals to an individual who is not a guest of the guest ranch, an individual accom-  
17 panying a guest or an individual attending a special event at the guest ranch.

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 6, chapter 84, Oregon Laws 2010, is amended to read:

19 **Sec. 6.** Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 [*of this 2010 Act*], **chapter 84, Oregon Laws 2010**, are repealed  
20 on January 2, [2012] **2018**.

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