

Senate Bill 169

Sponsored by Senator DINGFELDER (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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Natural Resource Agency Consolidation. Requires task force to report findings and recommendations to interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources on or before July 1, 2012.

Sunset on date of convening of 2013 legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to consolidation of state agencies involved in the management of natural resources; and
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Natural Resource Agency Consolidation is established,**
6 **consisting of 11 members appointed as follows:**

7 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint five members who represent state agencies**
8 **involved in the management of natural resources.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members who repre-**
10 **sent state agencies involved in the management of natural resources.**

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

12 (A) **One person who served on the Governor's Reset Cabinet established by Executive**
13 **Order 09-13; and**

14 (B) **One representative from the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.**

15 (2) **The appointing authorities shall appoint task force members no later than 60 days**
16 **after the effective date of this 2011 Act.**

17 (3) **The task force shall study the benefits of abolishing or consolidating state agencies**
18 **involved in the management of natural resources, including:**

19 (a) **The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;**

20 (b) **The Department of State Lands;**

21 (c) **The Land Use Board of Appeals;**

22 (d) **The Water Resources Department;**

23 (e) **The State Department of Agriculture;**

24 (f) **The Columbia River Gorge Commission;**

25 (g) **The Oregon Forest Resources Institute;**

26 (h) **The State Forestry Department;**

27 (i) **The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**

28 (j) **The Department of Environmental Quality;**

29 (k) **The Department of Land Conservation and Development;**

30 (L) **The State Marine Board;**

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 (m) The State Parks and Recreation Department; and

2 (n) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.

3 (4) The task force may consult with persons who served on the Governor's Reset Cabinet
4 established by Executive Order 09-13.

5 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

7 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
8 members of the task force.

9 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

10 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
11 ment to become immediately effective.

12 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
13 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

14 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

15 (11) The task force shall report its findings and include recommendations for legislation
16 to the interim committees on environment and natural resources on or before July 1, 2012.

17 (12) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the
18 task force.

19 (13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
20 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
21 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
22 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to:

23 (a) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services for a member of the task force
24 who is not employed by a state agency involved in the management of natural resources; or

25 (b) The state agency that employs the member for a member of the task force who is
26 employed by a state agency involved in the management of natural resources.

27 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
28 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
29 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
30 consider necessary to perform their duties.

31 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
32 legislative session.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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