

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Ways and Means

**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/16

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes 11 member Task Force on Natural Resource Agency Consolidation (Task Force). Requires Task Force to study benefits of abolishing and consolidating natural resource state agencies and consider how abolishment or consolidation would further certain goals. Requires Task Force to report findings and recommendations to interim legislative committees on environment and natural resources on or before September 15, 2016. Sunsets on December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 24 would establish a Task Force on Natural Resource Agency Consolidation to consider how abolishing and consolidating the State Department of Fish and Wildlife; Department of State Lands; Land Use Board of Appeals; Water Resources Department; State Department of Agriculture; Columbia River Gorge Commission; Oregon Forest Resources Institute; State Forestry Department; State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; Department of Environmental Quality; Department of Land Conservation and Development; State Marine Board; State Parks and Recreation Department; and Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board could further certain goals..