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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on Uses of Forestland. Directs task force to study, evaluate and report on land uses, including nonresource uses, allowed in forest zones and farm zones.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to land use of forestland; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Uses of Forestland is established,**
5 **consisting of seven members appointed or selected as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from**
7 **among members of the Senate.**

8 (b) **The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member**
9 **from among members of the Senate.**

10 (c) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**
11 **member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

12 (d) **The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall ap-**
13 **point one member from among members of the House of Represen-**
14 **tatives.**

15 (e) **The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Rep-**
16 **resentatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate and the Minority**
17 **Leader of the House of Representatives jointly shall appoint:**

18 (A) **One public member who is a nonindustrial private forest land-**
19 **owner, as defined in ORS 526.005.**

1 **(B) One public member who is an industrial private forest land-**
2 **owner.**

3 **(f) The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and De-**
4 **velopment, or a designee of the director, shall serve as a member of**
5 **the task force.**

6 **(2) The task force shall:**

7 **(a) Study the land uses allowed in forest zones, including mixed**
8 **farm and forest zones.**

9 **(b) Study the differences in land uses allowed between forest zones**
10 **and farm zones.**

11 **(c) Evaluate whether the differences in land uses allowed in forest**
12 **zones and farm zones are justified based on the primary resource use**
13 **planned for each type of zone and differing impacts of other land uses**
14 **on forest use of forestland and farm use of farmland.**

15 **(3) In performing the study and evaluation required by subsection**
16 **(2) of this section, the task force shall give particular consideration**
17 **to the nonresource land uses that are allowed in forest zones and farm**
18 **zones, including residential uses that are not in conjunction with re-**
19 **source use of forestland or farmland.**

20 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quo-**
21 **rum for the transaction of business.**

22 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-**
23 **jority of the members of the task force.**

24 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-**
25 **person.**

26 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
27 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

28 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
29 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task**
30 **force.**

31 **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**

1 **the task force.**

2 **(10) The task force shall submit a report to the Legislative Assem-**
3 **bly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recom-**
4 **mendations for legislation in the report, no later than September 15,**
5 **2016.**

6 **(11) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall**
7 **provide staff support to the task force.**

8 **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-**
9 **lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-**
10 **bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by**
11 **them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**
12 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in**
13 **performing functions of the task force must be paid out of funds ap-**
14 **propriated to the department for purposes of the task force.**

15 **(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are**
16 **directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and,**
17 **to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish**
18 **information and advice as the members of the task force consider**
19 **necessary to perform their duties.**

20 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,**
21 **2016.**

22 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
23 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
24 **clared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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