

House Bill 2039

Sponsored by Representative HUFFMAN (Presession 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**.

Authorizes Task Force on the Columbia River Gorge Commission. Assigns duties of task force. Makes operation of requirement to establish task force contingent on Washington legislature authorizing corresponding task force to assist in carrying out duties. Requires task force to report to interim committees on environment and natural resources on or before September 15, 2016.

Sunsets on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to Task Force on the Columbia River Gorge Commission; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Columbia River Gorge Commission is established,**
4 **consisting of the following five members:**

5 (a) **Two members from among members of the Senate appointed by the President of the**
6 **Senate. The members must represent districts that are within or adjacent to the Columbia**
7 **River Gorge National Scenic Area as identified in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic**
8 **Area Act, P.L. 99-663. If possible, the President shall appoint one member of the Democratic**
9 **party and one member of the Republican party.**

10 (b) **Two members from among members of the House of Representatives appointed by the**
11 **Speaker of the House of Representatives. The members must represent districts that are**
12 **within or adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area as identified in the**
13 **Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663. If possible, the Speaker shall**
14 **appoint one member of the Democratic party and one member of the Republican party.**

15 (c) **The Governor, or the Governor's designee.**

16 (2) **The task force shall meet and work with the Columbia River Gorge Commission and**
17 **a corresponding task force authorized by the Washington legislature to address a range of**
18 **topics relating to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663, that may**
19 **include, but not be limited to:**

20 (a) **Funding of the commission by the States of Oregon and Washington;**

21 (b) **The various effects of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663**
22 **on Oregon and Washington; and**

23 (c) **Changes to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act, P.L. 99-663 and to**
24 **the Columbia River Gorge Commission that could enhance the relationship between the**
25 **commission and Oregon and Washington.**

26 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
27 **of business.**

28 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
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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 of the task force.

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

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

5 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
6 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

7 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

8 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
9 include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-
10 sembly related to the environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2016.

11 (10) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff support to the task
12 force.

13 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
14 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
15 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
16 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
17 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administration
18 Committee for purposes of the task force.

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

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act does not become operative unless the Washington
24 legislature, on or before July 11, 2015, approves a corresponding five-member task force to
25 work with the Columbia River Gorge Commission and the Task Force on the Columbia River
26 Gorge Commission in carrying out the duties of section 1 of this 2015 Act. The Governor shall
27 notify the Legislative Counsel in writing when the State of Washington approves the corre-
28 sponding task force. Section 1 of this 2015 Act becomes operative on the date the Legislative
29 Counsel receives the notice.

30 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act are repealed on December 31, 2016.

31 **SECTION 4.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
33 on its passage.

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