

# House Bill 2744

Sponsored by Representative READ (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 to conduct study and recommend actions state government may reasonably undertake to promote commercial utilization of western juniper in Oregon. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly interim committee dealing with agriculture no later than September 15, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to western juniper utilization; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Western Juniper Utilization is established, consisting of seven members appointed as follows:**

**(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members who are knowledgeable in agriculture, tree harvesting, wood product manufacturing or economic development.**

**(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members who are knowledgeable in agriculture, tree harvesting, wood product manufacturing or economic development.**

**(c) The Governor shall appoint three members who are knowledgeable in agriculture, tree harvesting, wood product manufacturing or economic development.**

**(2) The task force shall conduct a study to identify actions that state government may reasonably undertake to promote the commercial utilization in this state of western juniper (*Juniperus occidentalis*), including, but not limited to, actions that will create a favorable economic climate for the development of businesses that harvest western juniper for utilization in manufacturing or that manufacture products utilizing western juniper.**

**(3) The task force may conduct research and take comments from interested persons to identify and refine suggestions for state government actions to promote the commercial utilization of western juniper in this state.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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       **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**  
2 **include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-**  
3 **bly related to agriculture no later than September 15, 2016.**

4       **(11) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.**

5       **(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**  
6 **for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of**  
7 **their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**  
8 **penditures shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for purposes of the task**  
9 **force.**

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

14       **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2017**  
15 **regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.**

16       **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
18 **on its passage.**