

House Bill 3007

Sponsored by Representative BENTZ

SUMMARY

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Requires governing board of State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to adopt by rule expedited consolidated application process time limits for proposed mining operations that make certain reports and receive certain approval from State Department of Fish and Wildlife related to sage grouse habitat mitigation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to sage grouse habitat mitigation; amending ORS 517.986.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 517.986 is amended to read:

5 517.986. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Department of Geology and
6 Mineral Industries and any other permitting agency shall take final action to issue or deny a permit
7 subject to the consolidated application process set forth in ORS 517.952 to 517.989 within one year
8 after issuance of a notice to proceed under ORS 517.977. However, with the concurrence of the ap-
9 plicant, the processing of the application may be suspended for a period of time to allow the appli-
10 cant to resolve issues having a bearing on, or necessary to any permitting agency's decision or the
11 department's decision on whether to issue or deny a permit.

12 **(2) The governing board of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall**
13 **adopt rules that, notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, impose an expedited timeline**
14 **on permitting agencies for taking final action to issue or deny a permit if:**

15 **(a) Prior to submitting a complete consolidated application under ORS 517.971, the person**
16 **proposing the mining operation has filed with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife**
17 **under ORS 498.502 a report related to sage grouse habitat that includes proposals for off-site**
18 **mitigation or a mitigation bank; and**

19 **(b) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife has issued an order under ORS 498.502**
20 **finding that the proposals specified in the report do not result in a net loss of either the**
21 **quality or quantity of sage grouse habitat and do provide a net benefit to the quality or**
22 **quantity of sage grouse habitat.**

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