

# House Bill 3209

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RURAL COMMUNITIES, LAND USE, AND WATER

## SUMMARY

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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, consisting of seven**  
5 **members appointed or selected as follows:**

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

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

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

12 (d) **The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from**  
13 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

14 (e) **The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Mi-**  
15 **nority Leader of the Senate and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives jointly**  
16 **shall appoint:**

17 (A) **One public member who is a nonindustrial private forest landowner, as defined in**  
18 **ORS 526.005.**

19 (B) **One public member who is an industrial private forest landowner.**

20 (f) **The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, or a designee**  
21 **of the director, shall serve as a member of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

28 (3) **In performing the study and evaluation required by subsection (2) of this section, the**  
29 **task force shall give particular consideration to the nonresource land uses that are allowed**  
30 **in forest zones and farm zones, including residential uses that are not in conjunction with**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
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1 resource use of forestland or farmland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (10) The task force shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner  
13 provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation in the report, no  
14 later than September 15, 2016.

15 (11) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall provide staff support  
16 to the task force.

17 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
18 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
19 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
20 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
21 of the task force must be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for purposes of  
22 the task force.

23 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
24 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating  
25 to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice as the members of the task force con-  
26 sider necessary to perform their duties.

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

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

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