

Senate Bill 203

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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**.

Directs natural resource agencies to coordinate for certain purposes.
Establishes Natural Resource Partnership Coordinator position in Oregon Department of Administrative Services to assist natural resource agencies in coordination efforts.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to natural resource agency partnerships.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) For purposes of this section, "natural resource agency" means the De-**
5 **partment of Environmental Quality, the State Department of Agriculture, the Water Re-**
6 **sources Department, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Forestry**
7 **Department, the Department of State Lands, the State Department of Geology and Mineral**
8 **Industries, the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the State Marine Board,**
9 **the Public Utility Commission, the Department of Transportation and the Oregon Health**
10 **Authority.**

11 **(2) The natural resource agencies shall work with the Oregon Department of Adminis-**
12 **trative Services and the Office of the Governor to develop opportunities for collaboration and**
13 **coordination in utilizing available federal, state and private resources for carrying out na-**
14 **tural resource programs. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the natural resource**
15 **agencies shall identify opportunities for partnerships:**

16 **(a) Among the natural resource agencies;**

17 **(b) Between the natural resource agencies and other political subdivisions in this state;**

18 **(c) Between the natural resource agencies and federal agencies or tribal governments;**

19 **and**

20 **(d) Between the natural resource agencies and private entities.**

21 **(3) Partnerships entered into under this section may include, but are not limited to:**

22 **(a) Cooperative agreements to share expertise or capacities that will assist the partners**
23 **in achieving common program objectives.**

24 **(b) The sharing of efforts to identify and secure various forms of available funding in**
25 **support of natural resource programs, with an emphasis on sustainability programs.**

26 **(c) Agreements to share administrative functions in a manner that improves efficiency**
27 **or lowers costs.**

28 **(4) The position of Natural Resource Partnership Coordinator is created in the Oregon**
29 **Department of Administrative Services. The Governor shall appoint the coordinator. The**
30 **coordinator shall work with the natural resource agencies to assist the agencies in carrying**

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 **out the provisions of this section.**

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