

# Senate Bill 208

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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**.

Establishes Task Force on Recreational Placer and Suction Dredge Mining.  
Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to placer mining; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Recreational Placer and Suction Dredge Mining is**  
5 **established, consisting of six members appointed as follows:**

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

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from**  
9 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (2) **The task force shall study matters related to recreational placer mining and mining**  
11 **that uses any form of motorized equipment for the purpose of extracting gold, silver or any**  
12 **other precious metal from placer deposits of the beds or banks of the waters of this state,**  
13 **as defined in ORS 196.800, or from other placer deposits, and matters related to the removal**  
14 **or disturbance of streamside vegetation resulting from the mining activities.**

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

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

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

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

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

24 (8) **The task force may adopt procedures necessary for the operation of the task force.**

25 (9) **The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**  
26 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**  
27 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

28 (10) **The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**  
29 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at such later time as the**  
30 **President and Speaker may designate.**

**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       (11) The Legislative Administrator may employ persons necessary for the performance  
2 of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Administrator shall fix the duties and  
3 amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall use the services of con-  
4 tinuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the greatest extent practi-  
5 cable.

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

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

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