

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 202**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “ORS” insert “352.239,”.

2 After line 3, insert:

3 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly seeks recommendations regarding the
4 role of the Institute for Natural Resources in convening panels of scientists
5 to undertake independent scientific review of a broad range of natural re-
6 sources issues; now, therefore,”.

7 Delete lines 5 through 24 and delete page 2.

8 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 24 and insert:

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10 **“THE INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES**

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12 **“SECTION 1. The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:**

13 **“(1) Policy and program decisions made by natural resources agen-**
14 **cies and their boards and commissions can benefit from independent**
15 **scientific review that:**

16 **“(a) Reflects a balance of representation from the academic, pri-**
17 **vate, public and research sectors;**

18 **“(b) Includes distinguished scientists from a range of disciplines;**
19 **and**

20 **“(c) Is clearly communicated to the public and state and local offi-**
21 **cial.**

22 **“(2) Oregon is home to many highly qualified scientists with re-**

1 **cognized expertise in a variety of disciplines who are willing to con-**
2 **tribute their time and knowledge to scientific reviews to inform state**
3 **and local natural resources policies and programs.**

4 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 352.239 is amended to read:

5 *“352.239. [(1) There is created within the Oregon University System the*
6 *Institute for Natural Resources. The Institute for Natural Resources shall be*
7 *administered by Oregon State University and other institutions in the Oregon*
8 *University System.]*

9 **“(1) The Institute for Natural Resources is established at Oregon**
10 **State University. Oregon State University may administer the Insti-**
11 **tute for Natural Resources with other public universities listed in ORS**
12 **352.002.**

13 **“(2) The Institute for Natural Resources shall serve the following pur-**
14 **poses:**

15 **“(a) Serve as a clearinghouse for scientifically based natural resources**
16 **information.**

17 **“(b) Provide scientifically based natural resources information to the**
18 **public in integrated and accessible formats.**

19 **“(c) Coordinate efforts with other state agencies and bodies to provide**
20 **natural resources information to the public in a comprehensive manner.**

21 **“(d) Facilitate and conduct research.**

22 **“(e) Provide information and technical tools to assist decision-making on**
23 **natural resources issues.**

24 **“(f) Assist the State Parks and Recreation Commission in carrying out the**
25 **Natural Areas Program by maintaining a data bank that contains a classi-**
26 **fication of natural heritage resources and an inventory of the locations of**
27 **the resources. At a minimum, the institute shall record in the data bank the**
28 **location of state natural areas, the natural heritage resources in those areas,**
29 **sites that are inhabited by rare species, and lists that rank by rarity species,**
30 **plant communities and ecosystem types. The institute shall make the infor-**

1 mation included in the data bank available to private landowners, research-
2 ers and local, state and federal agencies.

3 “(g) Assist the State Parks and Recreation Department in carrying out
4 the Natural Areas Program by reviewing and providing recommendations on
5 proposals for registration and dedication of natural areas.

6 “(3) When making observations on private land, an employee of an insti-
7 tution in the Oregon University System who is compiling information for the
8 Natural Areas Program pursuant to subsection (2)(f) of this section must
9 obtain permission from the landowner before entering the information into
10 the data bank.

11 “(4) Using existing resources, state agencies designated by the Governor
12 shall enter into a memorandum of understanding, or other agreement deemed
13 appropriate by the Governor, with the institute that defines and clarifies the
14 roles and responsibilities of the agencies in order to prevent duplication of
15 effort and to ensure that agency resources are used efficiently.

16 “(5) State agencies may contract with the institute to fulfill agency needs
17 regarding the collection, storage, integration, analysis, dissemination and
18 monitoring of natural resources information and natural resources research
19 and training.

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21 **“TASK FORCE ON INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC REVIEW**
22 **FOR NATURAL RESOURCES**

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24 **“SECTION 3. (1) The Task Force on Independent Scientific Review**
25 **for Natural Resources is established, consisting of nine members.**

26 **“(2)(a) Members of the task force shall be appointed by the Gover-**
27 **nor in consultation with the vice presidents of research, or their**
28 **designees, at Oregon State University, the University of Oregon and**
29 **Portland State University.**

30 **“(b) Membership on the task force shall reflect a balance of repre-**

1 **sentation from the academic, private, public and research sectors.**

2 **“(c) At least one member of the task force shall have previously**
3 **served on the Independent Multidisciplinary Science Team created**
4 **under ORS 541.914 (2013 Edition), the National Academy of Sciences,**
5 **or another state or federal scientific review body.**

6 **“(3) The task force shall develop recommendations for the role of**
7 **the Institute for Natural Resources in convening panels of scientists**
8 **to conduct independent scientific review for a broad range of natural**
9 **resources issues. In developing the recommendations, the task force**
10 **shall consider:**

11 **“(a) The processes previously used by the institute and the Inde-**
12 **pendent Multidisciplinary Science Team created under ORS 541.914**
13 **(2013 Edition) in conducting independent scientific review of questions;**

14 **“(b) Whether changes to the institute’s advisory board, governance**
15 **structure or processes are needed to support the independence of sci-**
16 **entific review panels convened by the institute, including whether**
17 **changes are needed to the role of the institute’s advisory board in di-**
18 **recting or participating in the independent scientific review conducted**
19 **by the institute;**

20 **“(c) How independent scientific review panels convened by the in-**
21 **stitute should be funded;**

22 **“(d) Procedures for the selection of panels of experts to respond to**
23 **requests for the institute to investigate, examine or report on natural**
24 **resources questions, including how to encourage balanced, broad and**
25 **diverse participation among the scientific disciplines that may be**
26 **called upon in the investigation and examination of, and reporting on,**
27 **science questions;**

28 **“(e) Whether the institute should respond to inquiries from the**
29 **Governor, the Governor’s designee or the Legislative Assembly, or**
30 **from other appropriate parties;**

1 “(f) Whether the institute should make its own independent se-
2 lection of science questions to review;

3 “(g) Developing a process to ensure that a state agency must re-
4 spond in writing to a report issued by an independent scientific review
5 panel, explaining how the agency intends to implement the panel’s
6 suggestions or why the agency does not plan to implement the sug-
7 gestions;

8 “(h) Enhancing the involvement of Oregon State University, the
9 University of Oregon, Portland State University and other universities
10 in the institute’s independent scientific review processes;

11 “(i) How to provide open public processes for independent scientific
12 review that inspire public confidence in, and understanding of, the
13 review process without compromising the independence of the scien-
14 tific review; and

15 “(j) Pilot projects for conducting independent scientific review to
16 be undertaken by panels of scientists convened by the institute in or-
17 der to test the recommendations of the task force.

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

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

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

24 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall, in
25 consultation with the vice presidents of research, or their designees,
26 at Oregon State University, the University of Oregon and Portland
27 State University, make an appointment to become immediately effec-
28 tive.

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

1 **force.**

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

4 **“(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
5 **in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
6 **the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to envi-**
7 **ronment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2016.**

8 **“(11) The Institute for Natural Resources shall provide staff support**
9 **to the task force.**

10 **“(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation,**
11 **but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other ex-**
12 **penses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in**
13 **the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**
14 **penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Institute for Na-**
15 **tural Resources for purposes of the task force.**

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

21 **“SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2,**
22 **2019.”.**

23 In line 28, delete “6” and insert “5”.

24 In line 29, delete “7” and insert “6”.

25 In line 30, delete “8” and insert “7”.

26 On page 4, line 19, delete “9” and insert “8”.

27 On page 6, line 7, delete “the” and delete “Oregon Academy of”.

28 In line 8, delete the boldfaced material and insert “independent scientific
29 review panels”.

30 On page 7, delete lines 4 through 6 and insert:

1 **“SECTION 9. Section 5 of this 2015 Act, the amendments to ORS**
2 **541.890 and 541.898 by sections 7 and 8 of this 2015 Act and the repeal**
3 **of ORS 541.914 by section 6 of this 2015 Act become operative on Jan-**
4 **uary 1, 2017.”.**

5 In line 10, delete “11” and insert “10”.

6 In line 13, delete “12” and insert “11”.

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