

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2537**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon insert “creating
2 new provisions; and”.

3 On page 4, after line 17, insert:

4 **“SECTION 5. (1) The Task Force on Creating a Wildlife Laws
5 Prosecutor is established, consisting of nine members appointed as
6 follows:**

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

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one
10 member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

11 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint three members as follows:**

12 **“(A) One member representing the State Department of Fish and
13 Wildlife;**

14 **“(B) One member representing the division of the Oregon State
15 Police that is charged with the enforcement of the wildlife laws; and**

16 **“(C) One member representing the general public.**

17 **“(d) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one
18 member representing the Judicial Department who is a circuit court
19 judge with expertise in proceedings in the courts related to enforce-
20 ment of the wildlife laws.**

21 **“(e) The Attorney General shall appoint two members as follows:**

22 **“(A) One member, representing the Department of Justice, with**

1 **expertise related to the wildlife laws; and**

2 **“(B) One member representing the Oregon District Attorneys As-**
3 **sociation with expertise in wildlife law prosecutions.**

4 **“(f) The Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar shall appoint**
5 **one member who is a member of the Oregon State Bar with expertise**
6 **in the wildlife laws.**

7 **“(2) The task force shall:**

8 **“(a) Study the feasibility of creating, within the Criminal Justice**
9 **Division of the Department of Justice, the position of a wildlife laws**
10 **prosecutor;**

11 **“(b) Identify the potential duties of a wildlife laws prosecutor; and**

12 **“(c) Identify potential sources of funding for the creation of a**
13 **wildlife laws prosecutor position.**

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

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

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

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

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

25 **“(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
26 **the task force.**

27 **“(9) The task force shall make a report in the manner provided by**
28 **ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the**
29 **interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to environ-**
30 **ment and natural resources or the judiciary, as appropriate, no later**

1 than September 15, 2015.

2 “(10) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to
3 the task force.

4 “(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
5 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-
6 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by
7 them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
8 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in
9 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-
10 propriated to Legislative Administrator for purposes of the task force.

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

16 “SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,
17 2016.

18 “SECTION 7. The amendments to ORS 496.690, 496.705, 496.992 and
19 498.042 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act become operative January 1,
20 2016.

21 “SECTION 8. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
23 declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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