

House Bill 2297

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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**.

Extends sunset for Task Force on Drought Emergency Response. Applies retroactively. Validates lawful actions taken, or lawful obligations incurred, on or after original sunset date and prior to effective date of Act.

Requires task force to report findings on or before November 1, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to drought; creating new provisions; amending section 2, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016;
2 and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to any report described in section 1 (11), chapter 80, Oregon Laws**
5 **2016, the Task Force on Drought Emergency Response shall submit a report in the manner**
6 **provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim**
7 **committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources no later than November**
8 **1, 2018. The task force shall provide a copy of the report to the Water Resources Commis-**
9 **sion.**

10 **SECTION 2. Section 2, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016 is amended to read:**

11 **Sec. 2.** Section 1 [*of this 2016 Act*], **chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016**, is repealed on December
12 31, [*2016*] **2018.**

13 **SECTION 3. The amendments to section 2, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016, by section 2**
14 **of this 2017 Act apply retroactively to December 31, 2016, and the operation and effect of**
15 **section 1, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016, shall continue unaffected from December 31, 2016,**
16 **to the effective date of this 2017 Act and thereafter as specified in section 2, chapter 80,**
17 **Oregon Laws 2016. Any otherwise lawful action taken or otherwise lawful obligation incurred**
18 **under the authority of section 1, chapter 80, Oregon Laws 2016, on or after December 31,**
19 **2016, and before the effective date of this 2017 Act, is ratified and approved.**

20 **SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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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.