

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2747

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 31.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 12 and insert:

3 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 496.090 is amended to read:

4 “496.090. (1) There is established a State Fish and Wildlife Commission that shall consist of
5 seven members appointed by the Governor.

6 “(2) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the
7 Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor.
8 A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make
9 an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

10 “(3) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation
11 by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III, Oregon Constitution.

12 “(4) [*One member of the commission shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts of*
13 *this state, one member from that portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains and one*
14 *member from that portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains.] **Three members of the**
15 **commission shall be appointed from that portion of this state lying west of the Cascade**
16 **Mountains, three members shall be appointed from that portion of this state lying east of**
17 **the Cascade Mountains and one member shall be appointed at large.***

18 “(5) Members appointed to the commission shall be residents of this state, as defined in ORS
19 497.002. **At least one member shall own or manage an active agricultural operation. At least**
20 **one member shall have held a hunting or fishing license issued by the State of Oregon for a**
21 **minimum of five years prior to being appointed.**

22 “(6) All members of the commission shall represent the public interest of the state and make
23 decisions affecting the wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of those resources. Consistent
24 with the requirements of this subsection, the commission shall provide for the productive and
25 sustainable utilization of wildlife resources for all groups of users.

26 “(7) All members of the commission shall have a general knowledge of fish and wildlife issues
27 and an understanding of the operation and functions of public policy boards and commissions. In
28 making appointments to the commission, the Governor shall consider appointing members who pos-
29 sess natural resource backgrounds such as backgrounds in commercial fishing, recreational fishing,
30 hunting, agriculture, forestry and conservation.

31 “(8) Failure of a member to maintain compliance with the eligibility requirements of subsections
32 (4) and (5) of this section shall vacate membership. Members of the commission may otherwise be
33 removed only by the Governor.

34 “(9) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS
35 292.495.”

