

## SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 772

By COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

April 15

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “prescribing an effective date” and insert “declaring  
2 an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Forest Health Enhancement is established. Mem-**  
5 **bership on the task force shall be as provided under subsections (2) to (5) of this section.**

6 **“(2)(a) The chairperson of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall appoint**  
7 **one voting member as a representative of the commission.**

8 **“(b) The executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board shall appoint**  
9 **one voting member as a representative of the board.**

10 **“(c) The State Forester shall appoint one voting member as a representative of the State**  
11 **Forestry Department.**

12 **“(d) The Executive Officer of the Commission on Indian Services shall appoint one voting**  
13 **member as a representative of the commission.**

14 **“(e) The board of directors of the Association of Oregon Counties shall appoint one voting**  
15 **member as a representative of the association.**

16 **“(f) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall appoint one voting**  
17 **member as a representative of the Bureau of Labor and Industries.**

18 **“(g) The Governor shall appoint at least three and not more than five nonvoting mem-**  
19 **bers. The members appointed by the Governor shall be representatives of:**

20 **“(A) Private timberland owners;**

21 **“(B) The National Wildfire Suppression Association or another private firefighter asso-**  
22 **ciation; and**

23 **“(C) Nonprofit corporations that work in the fields of forestry, wildfire fuel reduction or**  
24 **youth workforce development related to forest health enhancement.**

25 **“(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among the**  
26 **members of the Senate.**

27 **“(4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member**  
28 **from among the members of the House of Representatives.**

29 **“(5) The Governor shall invite the following to participate as nonvoting members of the**  
30 **task force:**

31 **“(a) The members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation or their designees.**

32 **“(b) The regional forester for the United States Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region**  
33 **or a designee of the regional forester.**

34 **“(c) The Oregon-Washington State Director of the Bureau of Land Management or a**  
35 **designee of the state director.**

1           **“(6) The task force shall develop recommendations for:**  
2           **“(a) Achieving forest health enhancement through a statewide program that is similar**  
3 **to the federal 21st Century Conservation Service Corps and that is designed to promote, fa-**  
4  **facilitate and encourage collaboration with organizations that:**  
5           **“(A) Reduce forest fuel levels;**  
6           **“(B) Conduct thinning of forest tree species in accordance with best practices for man-**  
7 **agement of forest health and wildfire mitigation; or**  
8           **“(C) Provide training for employment and youth educational opportunities in forestry and**  
9 **the forest products industry.**  
10          **“(b) Reducing barriers and providing incentives for public-private partnerships to reduce**  
11 **wildfire risk in forests.**  
12          **“(7) In developing recommendations under subsection (6) of this section, the task force**  
13 **shall review and consider the design of any similar programs in other states and of national**  
14 **programs.**  
15          **“(8) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**  
16 **transaction of business.**  
17          **“(9) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**  
18 **members of the task force.**  
19          **“(10) The task force shall elect one of its voting members to serve as chairperson.**  
20          **“(11) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-**  
21 **pointment to become immediately effective.**  
22          **“(12) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair-**  
23 **person or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**  
24          **“(13) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**  
25          **“(14) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and**  
26 **may include recommendations for legislation, to a committee of the Legislative Assembly**  
27 **related to natural resources. To preserve the possibility of legislative action in the 2020 reg-**  
28 **ular session of the Legislative Assembly, the task force shall make every effort to submit**  
29 **the report by the date of convening of the 2020 regular session of the Legislative Assembly,**  
30 **or as soon as possible.**  
31          **“(15) The State Forestry Department shall provide staff support to the task force.**  
32          **“(16) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for**  
33 **expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**  
34          **“(17) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
35 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**  
36 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**  
37 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**  
38          **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**  
39          **“SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
40 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
41 **on its passage.”.**  
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