

Requested by Senator GOLDEN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 772**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “prescribing an effective  
2 date” and insert “declaring 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  
5 established. Membership on the task force shall be as provided under  
6 subsections (2) to (5) of this section.**

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

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

13 **“(c) The State Forester shall appoint one voting member as a rep-  
14 resentative of the State Forestry Department.**

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

18 **“(e) The board of directors of the Association of Oregon Counties  
19 shall appoint one voting member as a representative of the associ-  
20 ation.**

21 **“(f) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall**

1 **appoint one voting member as a representative of the Bureau of Labor**  
2 **and Industries.**

3 **“(g) The Governor shall appoint at least three and not more than**  
4 **five nonvoting members. The members appointed by the Governor**  
5 **shall be representatives of:**

6 **“(A) Private timberland owners;**

7 **“(B) The National Wildfire Suppression Association or another pri-**  
8 **ivate firefighter association; and**

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

12 **“(3) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting mem-**  
13 **ber from among the members of the Senate.**

14 **“(4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**  
15 **nonvoting member from among the members of the House of Repre-**  
16 **sentatives.**

17 **“(5) The Governor shall invite the following to participate as non-**  
18 **voting members of the task force:**

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

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

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

25 **“(6) The task force shall develop recommendations for:**

26 **“(a) Achieving forest health enhancement through a statewide**  
27 **program that is similar to the federal 21st Century Conservation Ser-**  
28 **vice Corps and that is designed to promote, facilitate and encourage**  
29 **collaboration with organizations that:**

30 **“(A) Reduce forest fuel levels;**

1       **“(B) Conduct thinning of forest tree species in accordance with best**  
2 **practices for management of forest health and wildfire mitigation; or**

3       **“(C) Provide training for employment and youth educational op-**  
4 **portunities in forestry and the forest products industry.**

5       **“(b) Reducing barriers and providing incentives for public-private**  
6 **partnerships to reduce wildfire risk in forests.**

7       **“(7) In developing recommendations under subsection (6) of this**  
8 **section, the task force shall review and consider the design of any**  
9 **similar programs in other states and of national programs.**

10       **“(8) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**  
11 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

12       **“(9) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**  
13 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**

14       **“(10) The task force shall elect one of its voting members to serve**  
15 **as chairperson.**

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

18       **“(12) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**  
19 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**  
20 **task force.**

21       **“(13) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation**  
22 **of the task force.**

23       **“(14) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**  
24 **in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**  
25 **a committee of the Legislative Assembly related to natural resources.**  
26 **To preserve the possibility of legislative action in the 2020 regular**  
27 **session of the Legislative Assembly, the task force shall make every**  
28 **effort to submit the report by the date of convening of the 2020 regular**  
29 **session of the Legislative Assembly, or as soon as possible.**

30       **“(15) The State Forestry Department shall provide staff support to**

1 **the task force.**

2 **“(16) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation**  
3 **or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**  
4 **force.**

5 **“(17) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**  
6 **are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties**  
7 **of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**  
8 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**  
9 **task force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

10 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31,**  
11 **2020.**

12 **“SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
13 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
14 **declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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