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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND LAND USE (at the request of Representative Brian Clem)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2436

In line 2 of the printed bill, delete the period and insert "; creating new provisions; amending ORS 196.643; and declaring an emergency.".

3 Delete lines 4 through 13 and insert:

4 "SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

"(a)(A) 'Development activities' includes dredging, filling, grading,
paving, excavation and other activities related to making man-made
changes to improved or unimproved real estate.

8 "(B) 'Development activities' does not include farming, ranching 9 or forestry activities, or activities that would otherwise be considered 10 development activities under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph if the 11 activities are associated with:

12 "(i) Farming, ranching or forestry activities; or

"(ii) Activities by a district organized under ORS chapter 545, 547,
 552, 553 or 554, including activities that occur outside the district's
 boundaries but that are related to the district's operations.

16 "(b) 'Mining and activities associated with mining' includes any 17 activity involving extraction of materials from the ground that is 18 subject to regulation by the State Department of Geology and Mineral 19 Industries, the processing or manufacturing of the materials, mining 20 reclamation activities and voluntary restoration activities associated 21 with a mining operation. "(2) The Department of State Lands shall develop a proposal, including recommendations for legislation to be introduced during the 2020 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, for partial assumption by the department of the authority to administer permits for the discharge of dredge or fill materials under section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500, as amended).

"(3) In developing the proposal, the Department of State Lands shall 7 collaborate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Envi-8 ronmental Quality, the Department of Land Conservation and Devel-9 opment, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State 10 Department of Agriculture, the State Forestry Department, the State 11 Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, the National Marine 12 Fisheries Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the 13 **United States Environmental Protection Agency and representatives** 14 of any other state or federal agency as the Department of State Lands 15determines is necessary for developing the proposal in a manner that 16 will satisfy federal and state legal requirements. 17

18 "(4) The proposal shall include provisions necessary for the De-19 partment of State Lands to assume authority to administer permits 20 for the discharge of dredge or fill materials under section 404 of the 21 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (P.L. 92-500, as amended) only 22 for:

23 "(a) Development activities within an acknowledged urban growth
 24 boundary;

²⁵ "(b) Mining and activities associated with mining; and

²⁶ "(c) The creation and operation of mitigation banks.

27 **"(5)(a) The proposal shall include:**

"(A) Recommendations, in both narrative form and in the form of
requested draft statutory language, for the enactment of statutes, or
for the amendment or repeal of ORS 196.600 to 196.905, section 2,

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Laws 2001, or any other statutes or session laws, as necessary to
demonstrate that the statutory laws and regulations of the State of
Oregon provide adequate legal authority for the state to receive a
grant of authority from the United States Environmental Protection
Agency to implement the program for partial assumption; and

"(B) Any other provisions that the department determines are nec-7 essary to provide the Legislative Assembly the opportunity, during the 8 2020 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, to take all actions 9 necessary to allow for the department to formally submit to the United 10 States Environmental Protection Agency a complete application for 11 partial assumption, such that the United States Environmental Pro-12tection Agency may have the opportunity to review and consider ap-13 proval of the application before the convening of the 2021 regular 14 session of the Legislative Assembly. 15

"(b) The recommendations required under paragraph (a) of this 16 subsection must include recommendations on the amendments to 17 statutes and session laws necessary to ensure that, if any of the 18 amendments to ORS 196.800, 196.810, 196.825, 196.850, 196.895, 196.905, 19 196.990, 390.835, 421.628 and 459.047 by sections 1 to 10, chapter 516, 20Oregon Laws 2001, or the repeal of section 2, chapter 45, Oregon Laws 211989, by section 13, chapter 516, Oregon Laws 2001, become operative, 22the operation will not result in permitting or regulatory requirements 23pursuant to ORS 196.600 to 196.905 on and after the operative date that 24exceed the permitting or regulatory requirements pursuant to ORS 25196.600 to 196.905 (2018 Edition) for activities for which the Department 26of State Lands is not directed to propose assumption of authority to 27administer permits as described in subsection (4) of this section. 28

"<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2,
2021.

1 **"SECTION 3.** ORS 196.643 is amended to read:

"196.643. (1) A person who provides off-site compensatory mitigation in order to comply with a condition imposed on a permit in accordance with ORS 196.825 (5), an authorization issued in accordance with ORS 196.800 to 196.905 or a resolution of a violation of ORS 196.800 to 196.905 may make a payment for credits to **an approved mitigation bank with available credits or to** the Oregon Removal-Fill Mitigation Fund. [*when:*]

8 "[(a) Credits from an approved mitigation bank are not available; or]

9 "[(b)(A) Credits from an approved mitigation bank were not available in a 10 region at the time the first payment for credits was made to the Oregon 11 Removal-Fill Mitigation Fund; and]

"[(B) The expenses associated with a Department of State Lands mitigation
bank project in the region in accordance with this section and ORS 196.650
have not been fully recovered by the Department of State Lands.]

"(2) Any payments for off-site compensatory mitigation made to the 15Oregon Removal-Fill Mitigation Fund under subsection (1) of this section 16 must be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of land acquisition, project 17 design and engineering, construction, planting, monitoring, maintenance, 18 long-term management and protection activities, administration and other 19 costs and expenses related to the off-site compensatory mitigation, which 20may vary depending on the region of this state where the off-site 21compensatory mitigation is conducted, and shall be calculated by the De-22partment of State Lands as follows: 23

"(a) If the off-site compensatory mitigation project and project costs and
expenses are identified at the time of payment to the Oregon Removal-Fill
Mitigation Fund, the department shall calculate the payment based on the
actual costs and expenses of the off-site compensatory mitigation.

"(b) If the off-site compensatory mitigation project and project costs and
expenses are not identified at the time of payment to the Oregon RemovalFill Mitigation Fund, the department shall calculate the payment based on

the estimate of costs and expenses for off-site compensatory mitigation, as set forth in rules adopted by the department, for the region of this state where the department, to the greatest extent practicable, determines the off-site compensatory mitigation may be conducted.

5 "(3) No later than December 1 of each year, the Director of the Depart-6 ment of State Lands shall submit to the Legislative Assembly and the State 7 Land Board a detailed report that specifies:

8 "(a) The costs and expenses related to off-site compensatory mitigation,
9 including variations and trends in costs and expenses over time.

"(b) Efforts undertaken by the department to reduce the costs and ex penses specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(c) Efforts undertaken by the department to improve efficiencies of the
 department related to off-site compensatory mitigation.

"(d) The effectiveness of the July 2010 'Oregon Rapid Wetland Assessment
 Protocol' of the department in protecting the functions and values of
 wetlands through off-site compensatory mitigation.

17 "<u>SECTION 4.</u> In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-18 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of State Lands, for the 19 biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount 20 of \$_____, which may be expended for the purposes of carrying out 21 section 1 of this 2019 Act.

"<u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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