

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3052**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “resources” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Elk and Deer Damage Com-**
5 **ensation Funding is established. The task force consists of 15 voting**
6 **members and two nonvoting members.**

7 **“(2)(a) Of the voting members, 13 members shall be appointed by**
8 **the Director of Agriculture from among individuals nominated as fol-**
9 **lows:**

10 **“(A) One voting member from each of the following eight counties**
11 **that are affected by elk and deer damage, nominated by the respective**
12 **boards of county commissioners of the counties:**

13 **“(i) Baker County.**

14 **“(ii) Deschutes County.**

15 **“(iii) Grant County.**

16 **“(iv) Harney County.**

17 **“(v) Morrow County.**

18 **“(vi) Umatilla County.**

19 **“(vii) Union County.**

20 **“(viii) Wallowa County.**

21 **“(B) One voting member who represents private crop insurance,**

1 **nominated by the Eastern Oregon Counties Association.**

2 **“(C) One voting member who represents the Enterprise office of the**
3 **Oregon State University Extension Service, nominated by the Eastern**
4 **Oregon Counties Association.**

5 **“(D) One voting member who represents the Confederated Tribes**
6 **of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, nominated by the Board of Trus-**
7 **tees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.**

8 **“(E) One voting member who represents the Rocky Mountain Elk**
9 **Foundation, nominated by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.**

10 **“(F) One voting member who represents the Oregon Hunters Asso-**
11 **ciation, nominated by the Oregon Hunters Association.**

12 **“(b) The Director of Agriculture shall appoint one voting member**
13 **who represents the State Department of Agriculture.**

14 **“(c) The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall appoint one voting**
15 **member who represents the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

16 **“(d) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting**
17 **member who is a member of the Senate.**

18 **“(e) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**
19 **nonvoting member who is a member of the House of Representatives.**

20 **“(3) The task force shall:**

21 **“(a) Investigate elk and deer damage on private, agricultural lands**
22 **in the eight counties described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.**

23 **“(b) Make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly concerning**
24 **a three-year elk and deer damage compensation funding pilot program**
25 **to be overseen by the State Department of Agriculture, including rec-**
26 **ommendations on the amount of funding needed.**

27 **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
28 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

29 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
30 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**

1 “(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as
2 chairperson.

3 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
4 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

5 “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
6 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
7 task force.

8 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
9 the task force.

10 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
11 in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
12 a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related
13 to natural resources no later than September 15, 2024.

14 “(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide
15 staff support to the task force.

16 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task
17 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-
18 visory capacity only.

19 “(13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation
20 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
21 force.

22 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,
23 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties
24 of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to
25 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the
26 task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

27 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,
28 2025.

29 “SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is

1 **declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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