

House Bill 3532

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells the Oregon Historical Society to make a list of offensive geographic names. The Act tells the society to suggest new names within three years of the Act's passage. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Directs the Oregon Historical Society, in consultation with the Oregon Geographic Names Board, federally recognized Indian tribes, state and local government leaders, local landowners and other interested parties, to compile a list of highways and geographic features that bear offensive names. Requires the society to recommend nonoffensive names to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names no later than three years following the effective date of this Act.

Sunsets on January 2, 2029.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to offensive names; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "offensive" means offensive and derogatory to**
5 **any of Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes or to any race, nationality or**
6 **ethnicity.**

7 **(2) The Oregon Historical Society shall:**

8 **(a) Compile a list of highways as defined in ORS 801.305 and geographic features, includ-**
9 **ing but not limited to, mountains, buttes, gulleys, gulches, rivers and creeks in Oregon that**
10 **bear offensive names; and**

11 **(b) Begin a process of determining new names for the highways and geographic features.**

12 **(3)(a) In fulfilling its duties under subsection (2) of this section, the society shall consult**
13 **with:**

14 **(A) The Oregon Geographic Names Board;**

15 **(B) Oregon's nine federally recognized Indian tribes;**

16 **(C) County and municipal leaders;**

17 **(D) Representatives of state government;**

18 **(E) Local landowners; and**

19 **(F) Interested parties.**

20 **(b) Leaders and representatives shall be consulted only with respect to highways and**
21 **geographic features within the jurisdictions they represent.**

22 **(4) The society shall submit proposals to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names recom-**
23 **mending nonoffensive names for all highways and geographic features on the list compiled**
24 **under subsection (2)(a) of this section no later than the date that is three years following the**
25 **effective date of this 2025 Act.**

26 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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