

House Bill 2538

Sponsored by Representative WITT (Presession filed.)

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**.

Establishes Oregon Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Task Force for purpose of recommending feasibility of transferring Fish and Wildlife Division of Department of State Police to State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Task Force; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Task Force is established,**
5 **consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:**

11 (A) **One member representing the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

12 (B) **One member representing the Department of State Police.**

13 (C) **Two members representing hunting organizations.**

14 (D) **Two members representing fishing organizations.**

15 (E) **One member representing agricultural or timber interests.**

16 (2) **The task force shall study the feasibility of transferring the Fish and Wildlife Division**
17 **of the Department of State Police to the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

18 (3) **A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
19 **transaction of business.**

20 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
21 **members of the task force.**

22 (5) **The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

23 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
24 **ment to become immediately effective.**

25 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
26 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

27 (8) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

28 (9) **The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**
29 **include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
30 **sembly related to environment and natural resources as appropriate no later than September**

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.

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2 (10) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to the task force.

3 (11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
4 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

5 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
6 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
7 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
8 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administrator for purposes
9 of the task force.

10 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
11 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
12 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
13 consider necessary to perform their duties.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2017
15 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

16 SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
17 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
18 on its passage.

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