

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 358**

Ordered by the Senate July 6  
Including Senate Amendments dated July 6

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of United Brotherhood of Carpenters)

**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.

Creates Oregon Quality Jobs *[Board]* **Task Force**. Establishes duties and responsibilities. Directs *[board]* **task force** to report *[biennially]* to Legislative Assembly. *[Requires natural resource agencies to develop quality employment goals and to develop and implement demonstration projects.]*

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to natural resource agencies; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas the State of Oregon has adopted goals to advance sustainability through public and  
4 private efforts to jointly and mutually enhance environmental, economic and social well-being; and

5       Whereas natural resource management and restoration can provide multiple beneficial outcomes,  
6 as suggested by these sustainability goals, by more efficiently and effectively allocating expenditures  
7 of state natural resource agencies; and

8       Whereas allocation of current state expenditures on natural resource management and restora-  
9 tion may become more cost-efficient and effective at achieving multiple beneficial outcomes by de-  
10 veloping and enhancing innovative collaborative efforts among agencies and interest groups and by  
11 utilizing alternative methods of contracting and funding natural resource management and restora-  
12 tion projects; now, therefore,

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

14       **SECTION 1.** As used in sections 1 to 5 of this 2005 Act:

15       (1) **"Demonstration project"** means a natural resource management or restoration  
16 project that:

17       (a) **Is subject to the criteria and benchmarks established by the Oregon Quality Jobs**  
18 **Task Force;**

19       (b) **Is designed to achieve quality employment goals; and**

20       (c) **Utilizes alternative contracting or alternative funding methods.**

21       (2) **"High quality job"** means an employment position that provides a living wage, health  
22 care, other employee benefits and opportunities for job advancement and training.

23       (3) **"Longer duration"** means an employment position that offers consistent, full-time  
24 work for all months of the calendar year, regardless of seasonal needs, availability or the  
25 duration of individual contracts or projects.

26       (4) **"Multiple beneficial outcomes"** means results from a demonstration project that pro-  
27 vide more than just direct employment benefits. A project with multiple beneficial outcomes

**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 may provide, in addition to direct employment benefits, rural economic stability, progress  
2 toward recovery goals for endangered or threatened species, environmental benefits, cost  
3 efficiency or cost effectiveness.

4 (5) "Natural resource management and restoration" means watershed restoration,  
5 silvicultural activities, transportation projects and other physical activities that affect na-  
6 tural resources.

7 (6) "Quality employment goals" means written statements adopted by the Oregon Quality  
8 Jobs Task Force that establish a preference for high quality jobs and longer duration, higher  
9 skilled employment opportunities.

10 **SECTION 2.** (1) There is established the Oregon Quality Jobs Task Force consisting of  
11 11 members appointed by the Governor.

12 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following members:

13 (a) A chairperson appointed by the Governor;

14 (b) Four members, as determined by the Governor or the chairperson, representing any  
15 of the following agencies with no more than one person from any one agency:

16 (A) The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board;

17 (B) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;

18 (C) The State Forestry Department;

19 (D) The Department of State Lands;

20 (E) The Department of Environmental Quality;

21 (F) The Water Resources Department;

22 (G) The Natural Resources Division of the State Department of Agriculture; and

23 (H) The Department of Transportation;

24 (c) One member to represent rural communities in this state;

25 (d) One member to represent unions or other labor organizations;

26 (e) One member to represent temporary or transient workers;

27 (f) One member to represent environmental interest groups;

28 (g) One member to represent the Economic and Community Development Department;

29 and

30 (h) One member to represent the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce  
31 Development.

32 (3) Members shall serve until the submission of the final report under section 3 of this  
33 2005 Act and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. If there is a vacancy for any cause,  
34 the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired  
35 term.

36 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
37 of business.

38 (5) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
39 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

40 (6) The Economic and Community Development Department shall provide staff support  
41 to the task force.

42 (7) A member of the task force who is not compensated from another source for expenses  
43 or for time spent in performance of official duties is entitled to compensation and expenses  
44 in the manner and amounts provided in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses  
45 incurred in performing the functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated

1 to the Economic and Community Development Department for that  
2 purpose. Notwithstanding ORS 292.495, a member of the task force who is appointed from a  
3 state agency is not entitled to compensation or actual and necessary travel or other expenses  
4 from funds appropriated to the Economic and Community Development Department for the  
5 task force.

6 (8) All agencies of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112, with authority  
7 over natural resource management or restoration activities are directed to assist the task  
8 force in the performance of its functions and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
9 confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force  
10 consider necessary to perform those functions.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Oregon Quality Jobs Task Force shall:

12 (1) Assist agencies of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112, in improving  
13 the cost efficiency and cost effectiveness of expenditures on natural resource management  
14 and restoration activities.

15 (2) Coordinate with and assist the agencies to:

16 (a) Develop, implement and monitor demonstration projects;

17 (b) Conduct natural resource management and restoration activities that meet quality  
18 employment goals and result in multiple beneficial outcomes; and

19 (c) Develop quality employment goals.

20 (3) Establish benchmarks and criteria for:

21 (a) Demonstration projects; and

22 (b) Documenting and evaluating the outcomes of demonstration projects.

23 (4) Analyze conditions in labor markets, determine natural resource management and  
24 restoration needs, determine natural resource liabilities and review alternative contracting  
25 and funding methods used in demonstration projects.

26 (5) Conduct a review of demonstration projects utilizing the benchmarks and criteria  
27 established by the task force for compliance with quality employment goals and for attain-  
28 ment of multiple beneficial outcomes. The review shall include the effect of the demon-  
29 stration projects on employment in rural communities.

30 (6) Consult with the Attorney General to develop model contracts appropriate for use in  
31 demonstration projects.

32 (7) Report to an interim committee related to business and labor of the Seventy-fourth  
33 Legislative Assembly, including recommendations for legislation and an evaluation of the  
34 demonstration projects performed, no later than October 1, 2008.

35 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Oregon Quality Jobs Task Force shall coordinate and assist in the  
36 development of at least two demonstration projects through agencies involved in natural  
37 resource management and restoration during the period beginning with the appointment of  
38 the task force and ending October 1, 2008.

39 (2) Agencies implementing demonstration projects may reorganize expenditures using  
40 alternative contracting or alternative funding methods in order to implement the projects.

41 **SECTION 5.** The Governor shall appoint the members of the Oregon Quality Jobs Task  
42 Force no later than one month after the effective date of this 2005 Act.

43 **SECTION 6.** Sections 1 to 5 of this 2005 Act are repealed on January 2, 2010.

44 **SECTION 7.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
45 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect

1 **on its passage.**

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