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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3086

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 29 and delete <u>page</u> 2 <u>2</u> and insert:

"SECTION 1. (1) Subject to and consistent with the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and notwithstanding any provision of ORS 496.171 to 496.182:

"(a) If a person seeks a permit, license, authorization or other form 6 of permission required by law from a state agency for a proposed 7 action that may affect core area habitat of sage grouse and the state 8 agency requests a determination from the State Department of Fish 9 and Wildlife regarding the effects of the proposed action on sage 10 grouse, the person may file with the department a report that, using 11 the best scientific and commercial data available, provides a de-12scription of the proposed action and its possible effects on the habitat. 13 "(b) The report described in this section must describe the core area 14 habitat of sage grouse affected by the proposed action, specify whether 15the habitat is essential and irreplaceable and provide proposals for 16 off-site mitigation. 17

"(c)(A) Within 30 days after the filing of the report described in this section, the department shall evaluate whether the proposals for offsite mitigation specified in the report result in a net loss of either the quality or quantity of sage grouse habitat and provide a net benefit to the quality or quantity of sage grouse habitat. "(B)(i) If the department concludes that the proposals for off-site mitigation do not result in a net loss of either the quality or quantity of sage grouse habitat and do provide a net benefit to the quality or quantity of sage grouse habitat, the department shall issue an order finding that the core area of habitat of sage grouse affected by the proposed action is not irreplaceable. The department may not thereafter reverse or modify the order.

6 "(ii) If the department concludes that the proposals for off-site 9 mitigation result in a net loss of either the quality or quantity of sage 10 grouse habitat and do not provide a net benefit to the quality or 11 quantity of sage grouse habitat, a person affected by the action may 12 request a contested case hearing before the State Fish and Wildlife 13 Commission, to be conducted as provided in ORS chapter 183.

"(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt rules to
 carry out the provisions of this section.

"SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
 section 1 of this 2013 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2014.

"(2) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt rules or
take any other action before the operative date specified in subsection
(1) of this section that is necessary to implement, on and after the
operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, section 1 of
this 2013 Act.

"<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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