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House Bill 2747

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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.

Revises requirements for membership on State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to requirements for membership on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission; creating new
3 provisions; and amending ORS 496.090.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 496.090 is amended to read:

6 496.090. (1) There is established a State Fish and Wildlife Commission that shall consist of seven
7 members appointed by the Governor.

8 (2) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the
9 Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor.
10 A member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make
11 an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

12 (3) All appointments of members of the commission by the Governor are subject to confirmation
13 by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III, Oregon Constitution.

14 (4) *[One member of the commission shall be appointed from each of the congressional districts of*
15 *this state, one member from that portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains and one*
16 *member from that portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains.]* **Three members of the**
17 **commission shall be appointed from that portion of this state lying west of the Cascade**
18 **Mountains, three members shall be appointed from that portion of this state lying east of**
19 **the Cascade Mountains and one member shall be appointed at large.**

20 (5) Members appointed to the commission shall be residents of this state, as defined in ORS
21 497.002. **At least one member shall own or manage an active agricultural operation. At least**
22 **one member shall have held a hunting or fishing license issued by the State of Oregon for a**
23 **minimum of five years prior to being appointed.**

24 (6) All members of the commission shall represent the public interest of the state and make de-
25 cisions affecting the wildlife resources of the state for the benefit of those resources. Consistent
26 with the requirements of this subsection, the commission shall provide for the productive and
27 sustainable utilization of wildlife resources for all groups of users.

28 (7) All members of the commission shall have a general knowledge of fish and wildlife issues and

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1 an understanding of the operation and functions of public policy boards and commissions. In making
2 appointments to the commission, the Governor shall consider appointing members who possess na-
3 tural resource backgrounds such as backgrounds in commercial fishing, recreational fishing, hunting,
4 agriculture, forestry and conservation.

5 (8) Failure of a member to maintain compliance with the eligibility requirements of subsections
6 (4) and (5) of this section shall vacate membership. Members of the commission may otherwise be
7 removed only by the Governor.

8 (9) A member of the commission is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS
9 292.495.

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 496.090 by section 1 of this 2019 Act apply to ap-**
11 **pointments to the State Fish and Wildlife Commission that the Governor makes on and after**
12 **the effective date of this 2019 Act.**

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