House Bill 3276

Sponsored by Representative HELFRICH

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.**

Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission to study feasibility and develop preliminary framework for purchase, through public-private partnerships, of private timber land within Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area to be managed for recreational purposes.

Requires commission to report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2025.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Land Conservation and Development Commission, in consultation with the Columbia River Gorge Commission, the State Parks and Recreation Department and any other appropriate state agency, shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of and develop a preliminary framework for having a state agency, in partnership with one or more private organizations:

(a) Purchase private lands located within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area that have traditionally been used for timber operations; and

(b) Manage the lands as outdoor recreation resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.

(2) The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall make a report on the findings of the study and shall submit the report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment and natural resources in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2025.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

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.