

House Bill 3488

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SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act creates a task force to study moving the OR and ID border to include certain OR counties in ID. (Flesch Readability Score: 76.7).

Establishes the Move Oregon-Idaho Border Task Force to document the state and federal legal and legislative processes that must take place to relocate the Oregon and Idaho state boundaries to include specified Oregon counties in Idaho. Directs the task force to study and document the impacts of the proposed relocation on residents, businesses and other specified entities. Establishes the membership of the task force. Directs the task force to prepare a report and make recommendations on the relocation to the Legislative Assembly on or before January 15, 2027.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to moving the Oregon-Idaho border; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "Oregon relocation area" means the total area**
5 **of those Oregon counties that have taken nonbinding votes to secede from the State of**
6 **Oregon and to join the State of Idaho and that, as of January 1, 2025, consist of Baker,**
7 **Crook, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Union,**
8 **Wallowa and Wheeler counties. The Oregon relocation area may be expanded to include other**
9 **Oregon counties that in the future take nonbinding votes to secede from the State of Oregon**
10 **and to join the State of Idaho.**

11 (2) There is created the Move Oregon-Idaho Border Task Force.

12 (3) The purposes of the task force are to:

13 (a) Document the Oregon and Idaho legal and legislative processes that must take place
14 to relocate the state boundaries of the Oregon relocation area so that the Oregon relocation
15 area is entirely within the state boundaries of the State of Idaho.

16 (b) Document the federal legal and legislative processes that must take place to relocate
17 the state boundaries of the Oregon relocation area so that the Oregon relocation area is
18 entirely within the state boundaries of the State of Idaho.

19 (c) Study, gather information and document the impacts of a relocation to Idaho of the
20 Oregon relocation area on residents, businesses, public entities, other private entities and
21 nonprofit entities located within the Oregon relocation area, including but not limited to:

22 (A) Taxes, fees and other charges;

23 (B) Educational resources and requirements applicable to prekindergarten through grade
24 12 education;

25 (C) The applicability of rules, regulations and other legal requirements that may apply
26 to activities engaged in by persons and entities described in this paragraph;

27 (D) The operation and ownership of public utilities and infrastructure located in the

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1 Oregon relocation area; and

2 (E) Any other matters that the task force determines may have a bearing on the viability
 3 or prudence of relocating the Oregon relocation area to within the boundaries of the State
 4 of Idaho.

5 (4) The task force shall consist of:

6 (a) _____ members of county governing bodies of counties within the Oregon relocation
 7 area that are appointed by the Association of Oregon Counties;

8 (b) _____ members of city governing bodies of cities that are located within the Oregon
 9 relocation area that are appointed by the League of Oregon Cities;

10 (c) _____ members of tribal governments of those federally recognized tribes in Oregon
 11 that have territory located in the Oregon relocation area, and that are appointed by the
 12 Commission on Indian Services;

13 (d) _____ members of school districts within the Oregon relocation area that are ap-
 14 pointed by the Oregon School Boards Association;

15 (e) _____ members of special districts within the Oregon relocation area that are ap-
 16 pointed by the Special Districts Association of Oregon;

17 (f) _____ members who are appointed by the Eastern Oregon Counties Association;

18 (g) _____ members of the Senate who are appointed by the President of the Senate;

19 (h) _____ members of the House of Representatives who are appointed by the Speaker
 20 of the House of Representatives; and

21 (i) The following individuals who are appointed by the Governor, the President and the
 22 Speaker acting jointly:

23 (A) _____ individuals who have expertise in agriculture in the Oregon relocation area;

24 (B) _____ individuals who have expertise in ranching in the Oregon relocation area;

25 (C) _____ individuals who have expertise in forestry or forest products manufacturing
 26 in the Oregon relocation area;

27 (D) _____ individuals who own and operate small businesses located in the Oregon re-
 28 location area;

29 (E) _____ individuals with a demonstrated history of advocating for the Oregon relo-
 30 cation area to become a part of the State of Idaho; and

31 (F) _____ individuals who are appointed as public members of the task force and who
 32 are residents of the Oregon relocation area.

33 (5) The Governor, or the designee of the Governor, shall be a member of the task force
 34 and shall serve as the chair of the task force.

35 (6) In addition to the members listed in subsection (4) of this section, the Governor,
 36 President and Speaker shall jointly solicit one individual each representing the Governor of
 37 Idaho, the President of the Idaho Senate and the Speaker of the Idaho House of Represen-
 38 tatives to serve as nonvoting members of the task force.

39 (7) Appointments described under subsection (4) of this section shall be made on or be-
 40 fore December 1, 2025. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair, which must first
 41 occur on or before January 15, 2026, and the task force must meet at least monthly there-
 42 after.

43 (8) A majority of the voting members of the task force shall constitute a quorum of the
 44 task force.

45 (9) The task force shall gather public comments and input on the matters described in

1 subsection (3) of this section and shall prepare a report to the Legislative Assembly making
2 recommendations on the matters described in subsection (3) of this section on or before
3 January 15, 2027.

4 (10) A legislator appointed to the task force is entitled to per diem and other expenses
5 as authorized under ORS 171.072. Other members of the task force are entitled to compen-
6 sation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

7 (11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff and administrative
8 support to the task force.

9 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

10 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
11 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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