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SUMMARY

Establishes Legislative Policy and Research Committee and directs committee to select Legislative Policy and Research Director. Sets forth duties of director, including preparing or assisting in preparation of legislative research and facilitating development of legislative policy. Transfers duties of Legislative Administration Committee pertaining to committee services to Legislative Policy and Research Committee.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to joint committees of the Legislative Assembly; creating new provisions; amending ORS 171.405, 171.415, 171.425, 171.430, 173.720, 244.050, 250.125, 251.205, 285A.143 and 285A.148 and section 1a, chapter 548, Oregon Laws 2015, section 1, chapter 702, Oregon Laws 2015, sections 2 and 3, chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015, section 1, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2015, section 5, chapter 814, Oregon Laws 2015, section 1, chapter 840, Oregon Laws 2015, and section 1, chapter 848, Oregon Laws 2015; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Committee is established as a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The committee shall select a Legislative Policy and Research Director to serve as its executive officer. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the committee.

(3) The committee shall fix the annual salary of the director. Subject to the limitations otherwise provided by law for expenses of state officers, the director shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary ex-

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penses incurred or paid by the director in the performance of duties of the director.

SECTION 2. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall, subject to available resources:

(a) Prepare or assist in the preparation of legislative research and otherwise facilitate the development of legislative policy, when requested to do so by a member or committee of the Legislative Assembly;

(b) Provide advice and assistance to legislative committees;

(c) Exercise continuing supervision, coordination and support of clerical and administrative services to legislative standing and interim committees, including consideration of adequacy of staff and administrative services for these committees; and

(d) Provide research facilities and services to members and committees of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The director may employ and fix the compensation of such professional assistants and other employees as the director deems necessary for the work under the charge of the director.

(3) The director may enter into contracts to carry out the functions of the director.

SECTION 3. (1) The Legislative Policy and Research Committee shall consist of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, members of the House appointed by the Speaker and members of the Senate appointed by the President. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate may each designate from among the members of the appropriate house an alternate to exercise powers as a member of the committee. The appointing authorities shall appoint members of a new committee within 30 days after the date of the convening of each odd-numbered year regular session of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) The term of a member of the committee shall expire upon the

1 date of the convening of the odd-numbered year regular session of the
2 Legislative Assembly next following the member's appointment. Va-
3 cancies occurring in the membership of the committee shall be filled
4 by the appointing authority.

5 (3) The committee has a continuing existence and may meet, act
6 and conduct its business during the sessions of the Legislative As-
7 sembly or any recess thereof, and in the interim period between ses-
8 sions, but the committee has no authority to affect the rules of either
9 house.

10 (4) The committee may appoint advisory committees or subcom-
11 mittees. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, individuals
12 other than members of the Legislative Assembly may serve on such
13 advisory committees or subcommittees. A member of such advisory
14 committee or subcommittee who is not a member of the Legislative
15 Assembly shall be compensated and reimbursed in the manner pro-
16 vided in ORS 292.495.

17 (5) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is
18 present. A quorum consists of a majority of committee members from
19 the House of Representatives and a majority of committee members
20 from the Senate.

21 (6) Action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a ma-
22 jority of committee members from the House of Representatives and
23 a majority of committee members from the Senate.

24 SECTION 4. (1) The expiration of the terms of members of the
25 Legislative Policy and Research Committee, as provided in section 3
26 of this 2016 Act, does not affect the employment of any individual
27 filling a position previously approved by the committee.

28 (2) After the convening of the Legislative Assembly in an odd-
29 numbered year regular session and until the newly appointed Legisla-
30 tive Policy and Research Committee provides otherwise, the
31 Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ and fix the

1 **compensation of individuals the director considers necessary for the**
 2 **effective conduct of the work supervised or managed by the director.**

3 **(3) Notwithstanding sections 1 and 3 of this 2016 Act, if a vacancy**
 4 **occurs in the position of director after the convening of the Legislative**
 5 **Assembly in an odd-numbered year regular session and before the ap-**
 6 **pointment of a Legislative Policy and Research Committee, the Presi-**
 7 **dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives**
 8 **may jointly select a director. The director selected by the President**
 9 **and the Speaker serves at their pleasure at a salary jointly fixed by**
 10 **the President and the Speaker that does not exceed the salary last**
 11 **fixed by the committee. The President and Speaker may act in lieu of**
 12 **the committee under ORS 293.335 in designating the director they se-**
 13 **lect to approve disbursements and in filing the statement of desig-**
 14 **nation. After appointment of a Legislative Policy and Research**
 15 **Committee, the director selected under this subsection serves at the**
 16 **pleasure of the committee and the committee may exercise power and**
 17 **authority over the director as if the director had been selected by the**
 18 **committee.**

19 **SECTION 5.** ORS 173.720 is amended to read:

20 173.720. (1) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative Ad-
 21 ministration Committee, the Legislative Administrator shall:

22 (a) Coordinate administrative operations of the Legislative Assembly in
 23 order to ensure efficient work flow.

24 (b) Develop standard formats for legislative manuals and interim com-
 25 mittee reports.

26 (c) Review legislative organization, rules and procedure in cooperation
 27 with the Legislative Counsel with the intent of modernizing legislative op-
 28 erations.

29 (d) Conduct a continuing study of possible applications of technological
 30 changes and improvements, such as data processing and electronic equip-
 31 ment, to improve legislative procedures, and when considered advisable,

1 make recommendations to adopt such applications.

2 (e) Arrange for and coordinate orientation conferences for members of the
3 Legislative Assembly that shall include, but need not be limited to, education
4 about recycling programs available in the State Capitol.

5 (f) Study and make recommendations on legislative compensation and
6 working conditions.

7 (g) Control all space and facilities within the State Capitol and such
8 other space as is assigned to the Legislative Assembly.

9 (h) Direct renovation and repair of the State Capitol, renovation, repair
10 and replacement of State Capitol fixtures and facilities, and artistic and
11 other aesthetic improvements to the State Capitol and adjacent areas.

12 *[(i) Exercise continuing supervision, coordination and support of clerical
13 and administrative services to legislative interim committees, including con-
14 sideration of adequacy of staff and administrative services for such
15 committees.]*

16 *[(j)]* (i) Perform administrative service functions for the Legislative As-
17 sembly, including but not limited to accounting, data processing, personnel
18 administration, printing, supply, space allocation and property management.

19 *[(k) Provide research facilities and services to members of the Legislative
20 Assembly and committees thereof.]*

21 *[(L)]* (j) Arrange for the printing and distribution of legislative manuals
22 and interim committee reports.

23 *[(m)]* (k) Establish fee schedules for legislative measures, calendars, in-
24 dexes and digests.

25 *[(n)]* (L) Coordinate the use of legislative supplies, materials, equipment
26 and other property by legislative interim committees and by standing com-
27 mittees **and offices** of the Legislative Assembly.

28 (2) Pursuant to the policies and directions of the Legislative Adminis-
29 tration Committee, the Legislative Administrator may enter into contracts
30 to carry out the functions of the Legislative Administrator.

31 **SECTION 6.** ORS 171.405 is amended to read:

1 171.405. The Legislative [*Administration*] **Counsel** Committee shall cause
2 the original enrolled laws and joint resolutions passed at each session of the
3 Legislative Assembly to be bound in a volume in a substantial manner in the
4 order in which they are approved. The Legislative [*Administration*] **Counsel**
5 Committee is not required to keep any further record of the official acts of
6 the Legislative Assembly, so far as relates to Acts and joint resolutions.

7 **SECTION 7.** ORS 171.415 is amended to read:

8 171.415. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
9 a committee or employee of the Legislative Assembly having possession of
10 legislative records that are not required for the regular performance of offi-
11 cial duties shall, within 10 days after the adjournment sine die of a regular
12 or special session, deliver all such legislative records to the Legislative Ad-
13 ministration Committee.

14 (2) The chairperson, member or employee of a legislative interim com-
15 mittee responsible for maintaining the legislative records of that committee
16 shall, within 10 days after the committee ceases to function or before Janu-
17 ary 1 next preceding the beginning of an odd-numbered year regular session
18 of the Legislative Assembly, whichever is earlier, deliver all such legislative
19 records to the Legislative Administration Committee.

20 (3) This section does not apply to the records of the Emergency Board,
21 the Legislative Administration Committee, the Legislative Counsel Commit-
22 tee, **the Legislative Policy and Research Committee** or the Joint Com-
23 mittee on Ways and Means.

24 **SECTION 8.** ORS 171.425 is amended to read:

25 171.425. The State Archivist shall allow the Legislative Fiscal Officer, the
26 Legislative Administrator, the Legislative Counsel, [*or*] the Legislative Rev-
27 enue Officer **or the Legislative Policy and Research Director** to borrow
28 and temporarily have possession of such legislative records as such officer
29 requests.

30 **SECTION 9.** ORS 171.430 is amended to read:

31 171.430. (1) Except for legislative records borrowed under ORS 171.425 and

except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Emergency Board, the Legislative Administration Committee, the Legislative Counsel Committee, **the Legislative Policy and Research Committee** or the Joint Committee on Ways and Means may cause any legislative records in its possession to be destroyed or otherwise disposed of, if such legislative records are considered by such committee to be of no value to the state or the public and are no longer necessary under or pursuant to any statute requiring their creation or maintenance or affecting their use. However, such committee shall prior to destruction or disposal notify the State Archivist and transfer to the official custody of the State Archivist any such legislative records that are requisitioned by the State Archivist, except those designated as confidential by statute or by rule or resolution of the Legislative Assembly or of such committee.

(2) The Emergency Board, the Legislative Administration Committee, the Legislative Counsel Committee, **the Legislative Policy and Research Committee** and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means shall cause sound recordings of its hearings or meetings to be retained[,] or, if not retained, to be delivered to the State Archivist. The archivist shall be official custodian of the sound recordings so delivered.

SECTION 10. ORS 244.050 is amended to read:

244.050. (1) On or before April 15 of each year the following persons shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a verified statement of economic interest as required under this chapter:

(a) The Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, district attorneys and members of the Legislative Assembly.

(b) Any judicial officer, including justices of the peace and municipal judges, except any pro tem judicial officer who does not otherwise serve as a judicial officer.

(c) Any candidate for a public office designated in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection.

(d) The Deputy Attorney General.

(e) The Deputy Secretary of State.

(f) The Legislative Administrator, the Legislative Counsel, the Legislative Fiscal Officer, **the Legislative Policy and Research Director**, the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

(g) The president and vice presidents, or their administrative equivalents, in each public university listed in ORS 352.002.

(h) The following state officers:

(A) Adjutant General.

(B) Director of Agriculture.

(C) Manager of State Accident Insurance Fund Corporation.

(D) Water Resources Director.

(E) Director of Department of Environmental Quality.

(F) Director of Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

(G) State Fish and Wildlife Director.

(H) State Forester.

(I) State Geologist.

(J) Director of Human Services.

(K) Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(L) Director of the Department of State Lands.

(M) State Librarian.

(N) Administrator of Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

(O) Superintendent of State Police.

(P) Director of the Public Employees Retirement System.

(Q) Director of Department of Revenue.

(R) Director of Transportation.

(S) Public Utility Commissioner.

(T) Director of Veterans' Affairs.

(U) Executive director of Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

(V) Director of the State Department of Energy.

(W) Director and each assistant director of the Oregon State Lottery.

- 1 (X) Director of the Department of Corrections.
- 2 (Y) Director of the Oregon Department of Aviation.
- 3 (Z) Executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.
- 4 (AA) Director of the Oregon Business Development Department.
- 5 (BB) Director of the Office of Emergency Management.
- 6 (CC) Director of the Employment Department.
- 7 (DD) Chief of staff for the Governor.
- 8 (EE) Administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research.
- 9 (FF) Director of the Housing and Community Services Department.
- 10 (GG) State Court Administrator.
- 11 (HH) Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development.
- 12 (II) Board chairperson of the Land Use Board of Appeals.
- 13 (JJ) State Marine Director.
- 14 (KK) Executive director of the Oregon Racing Commission.
- 15 (LL) State Parks and Recreation Director.
- 16 (MM) Public defense services executive director.
- 17 (NN) Chairperson of the Public Employees' Benefit Board.
- 18 (OO) Director of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.
- 19 (PP) Executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-
- 20 sion.
- 21 (QQ) Executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.
- 22 (RR) Director of the Oregon Youth Authority.
- 23 (SS) Director of the Oregon Health Authority.
- 24 (TT) Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- 25 (i) The First Partner, the legal counsel, the deputy legal counsel and all
- 26 policy advisors within the Governor's office.
- 27 (j) Every elected city or county official.
- 28 (k) Every member of a city or county planning, zoning or development
- 29 commission.
- 30 (L) The chief executive officer of a city or county who performs the duties
- 31 of manager or principal administrator of the city or county.

1 (m) Members of local government boundary commissions formed under
2 ORS 199.410 to 199.519.

3 (n) Every member of a governing body of a metropolitan service district
4 and the auditor and executive officer thereof.

5 (o) Each member of the board of directors of the State Accident Insurance
6 Fund Corporation.

7 (p) The chief administrative officer and the financial officer of each
8 common and union high school district, education service district and com-
9 munity college district.

10 (q) Every member of the following state boards and commissions:

11 (A) Board of Geologic and Mineral Industries.

12 (B) Oregon Business Development Commission.

13 (C) State Board of Education.

14 (D) Environmental Quality Commission.

15 (E) Fish and Wildlife Commission of the State of Oregon.

16 (F) State Board of Forestry.

17 (G) Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

18 (H) Oregon Health Policy Board.

19 (I) Oregon Investment Council.

20 (J) Land Conservation and Development Commission.

21 (K) Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

22 (L) Oregon Short Term Fund Board.

23 (M) State Marine Board.

24 (N) Mass transit district boards.

25 (O) Energy Facility Siting Council.

26 (P) Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland.

27 (Q) Employment Relations Board.

28 (R) Public Employees Retirement Board.

29 (S) Oregon Racing Commission.

30 (T) Oregon Transportation Commission.

31 (U) Water Resources Commission.

(V) Workers' Compensation Board.

(W) Oregon Facilities Authority.

(X) Oregon State Lottery Commission.

(Y) Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council.

(Z) Columbia River Gorge Commission.

(AA) Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors.

(BB) Capitol Planning Commission.

(CC) Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

(DD) Oregon Growth Board.

(EE) Early Learning Council.

(r) The following officers of the State Treasurer:

(A) Deputy State Treasurer.

(B) Chief of staff for the office of the State Treasurer.

(C) Director of the Investment Division.

(s) Every member of the board of commissioners of a port governed by ORS 777.005 to 777.725 or 777.915 to 777.953.

(t) Every member of the board of directors of an authority created under ORS 441.525 to 441.595.

(u) Every member of a governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002.

(v) Every member of the board of directors of an authority created under ORS 465.600 to 465.621.

(2) By April 15 next after the date an appointment takes effect, every appointed public official on a board or commission listed in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(3) By April 15 next after the filing deadline for the primary election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(4) Within 30 days after the filing deadline for the general election, each candidate described in subsection (1) of this section who was not a candidate in the preceding primary election, or who was nominated for public office described in subsection (1) of this section at the preceding primary election by write-in votes, shall file with the commission a statement of economic interest as required under ORS 244.060, 244.070 and 244.090.

(5) Subsections (1) to (4) of this section apply only to persons who are incumbent, elected or appointed public officials as of April 15 and to persons who are candidates on April 15. Subsections (1) to (4) of this section also apply to persons who do not become candidates until 30 days after the filing deadline for the statewide general election.

(6) If a statement required to be filed under this section has not been received by the commission within five days after the date the statement is due, the commission shall notify the public official or candidate and give the public official or candidate not less than 15 days to comply with the requirements of this section. If the public official or candidate fails to comply by the date set by the commission, the commission may impose a civil penalty as provided in ORS 244.350.

SECTION 11. ORS 250.125 is amended to read:

250.125. (1) When a state measure involves expenditure of public moneys by the state, reduction of expenditure of public moneys by the state, reduction of state revenues or raising of funds by the state by imposing any tax or incurring any indebtedness, the financial estimate committee created under this section shall estimate:

(a) The amount of direct expenditure, direct reduction of expenditure, direct reduction in state revenues, direct tax revenue or indebtedness and interest that will be required to meet the provisions of the measure if it is enacted; and

(b) The aggregate amount of direct expenditure, direct reduction of expenditure, direct reduction in revenues, direct tax revenue or indebtedness and interest that will be required by any city, county or district to meet the

provisions of the measure if it is enacted.

(2) For a state measure for which an estimate is required to be prepared under subsection (1) of this section, the financial estimate committee may estimate the aggregate amount of direct expenditure, direct reduction of expenditure, direct reduction in revenues, direct tax revenue or indebtedness and interest that will be required by any federally recognized Native American or American Indian tribal government to meet the provisions of the measure if it is enacted.

(3) If the Legislative Assembly has enacted a law that will apply only if the measure for which an estimate is required to be prepared under subsection (1) of this section is not enacted, the financial estimate committee may also estimate the amount of direct expenditure, direct reduction of expenditure, direct reduction in revenues, direct tax revenue or indebtedness and interest that will result for the state, any city, county or district or any federally recognized Native American or American Indian tribal government if the measure is not enacted.

(4) For a state measure for which an estimate is required to be prepared under subsection (1) of this section, the financial estimate committee shall consult with the Legislative Revenue Officer to determine if the measure has potentially significant indirect economic or fiscal effects. If the committee determines that the indirect economic or fiscal effects of the measure are significant and can be estimated, the Legislative Revenue Officer shall prepare on behalf of the committee an impartial estimate of the indirect economic or fiscal effects of the measure. The Legislative Revenue Officer shall use the best available economic models and data to produce the estimate. The financial estimate committee shall incorporate relevant parts of the estimate prepared by the Legislative Revenue Officer into the estimate prepared by the committee under subsection (1) of this section.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, the estimates described in subsections (1) to (3) of this section shall be printed in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot. The estimates shall be impartial, simple and

understandable and shall include the following information:

(a) A statement of the amount of financial effect on state, local or tribal government expenditures, revenues or indebtedness, expressed as a specific amount or as a range of amounts;

(b) A statement of any recurring annual amount of financial effect on state, local or tribal government expenditures, revenues or indebtedness;

(c) A description of the most likely financial effect or effects of the adoption of the measure; and

(d) If an estimate is made under subsection (3) of this section, a description of the most likely financial effect or effects if the measure is not enacted.

(6) If the financial estimate committee determines that the measure will have no financial effect on state, local or tribal government expenditures, revenues or indebtedness or that the financial effect on state, local or tribal government expenditures, revenues or indebtedness will not exceed \$100,000, the committee shall prepare and file with the Secretary of State a statement declaring that the measure will have no financial effect or that the financial effect will not exceed \$100,000. The statement shall be printed in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot.

(7) In addition to the estimates described in subsections (1) to (3) of this section, if the financial estimate committee considers it necessary, the committee may prepare and file with the Secretary of State an impartial, simple and understandable statement explaining the financial effects of the measure. The statement may not exceed 500 words. The statement shall be printed in the voters' pamphlet with the measure to which it relates.

(8) The Legislative *[Administration]* **Policy and Research** Committee shall provide any administrative staff assistance required by the financial estimate committee to facilitate the work of the financial estimate committee under this section or ORS 250.127.

(9) The financial estimate committee is created, consisting of the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Oregon Department

1 of Administrative Services, the Director of the Department of Revenue and
2 a representative of a city, county or district with expertise in local govern-
3 ment finance. The representative of a city, county or district shall be se-
4 lected by the four other members of the financial estimate committee and
5 shall serve for a term of two years that begins on March 1 of the odd-
6 numbered year.

7 **SECTION 12.** ORS 251.205 is amended to read:

8 251.205. (1) As used in this section, “proponents” means:

9 (a) With respect to any state measure initiated or referred by petition, the
10 chief petitioners; or

11 (b) With respect to a measure referred by the Legislative Assembly, the
12 President of the Senate, who shall appoint a Senator, and the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives, who shall appoint a Representative.

14 (2) For each state measure to be submitted to the people at a special
15 election held on the date of a primary election or any general election, a
16 committee of five citizens shall be selected to prepare the explanatory
17 statement under ORS 251.215.

18 (3) Not later than the 120th day before the election, the proponents of the
19 measure shall appoint two members to the committee and notify the Secre-
20 tary of State in writing of the selections. If the proponents do not appoint
21 two members, the Secretary of State shall appoint two members of the com-
22 mittee from among supporters, if any, of the measure not later than the 118th
23 day before the election.

24 (4) Not later than the 118th day before the election, the Secretary of State
25 shall appoint two members of the committee from among the opponents, if
26 any, of the measure.

27 (5) The four appointed members of the committee shall select the fifth
28 member and notify the Secretary of State in writing of the selection. If the
29 four members have not selected the fifth member by the 111th day before the
30 election, the fifth member shall be appointed by the Secretary of State not
31 later than the 109th day before the election.

(6) A vacancy shall be filled not later than two business days after the vacancy occurs by the person who made the original appointment. Unless the Secretary of State fills a vacancy, the person filling the vacancy shall notify the Secretary of State in writing of the selection.

(7) With respect to a measure referred by the Legislative Assembly, a Senator or Representative appointed under subsection (1) of this section may disclose whether the Senator or Representative supports or opposes the state measure. The Secretary of State shall print the disclosure in the voters' pamphlet following the explanatory statement.

(8) The Legislative [Administration] **Policy and Research** Committee shall provide any administrative staff assistance required by the explanatory statement committee to facilitate the work of the explanatory statement committee under this section or ORS 251.215.

(9) For purposes of this section, "measure" includes an initiative petition relating to a state measure that has been filed with the Secretary of State for the purpose of verifying signatures under ORS 250.105. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the petition if the secretary determines that the petition contains less than the required number of signatures of electors.

SECTION 13. Section 1, chapter 702, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Task Force on Campaign Finance Reform is established, consisting of 17 members as follows:

(a) The Secretary of State shall appoint:

(A) Five members to represent the interests of political parties in Oregon, with at least one member representing each of the major political parties in Oregon.

(B) Two members to represent the interests of electors who are not affiliated with any political party.

(C) One member to represent the interests of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

(D) One member to represent the interests of organizations that focus on

campaign finance reform.

(E) One member to represent the interests of nonprofit organizations.

(F) One member to represent the interests of for-profit organizations.

(G) One member to represent the interests of nonprofit organizations that focus on voter registration.

(b) The Secretary of State shall serve as a member of the task force.

(c) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Republican.

(d) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Republican.

(2) The task force shall conduct an analysis and determine the best method or methods to address campaign finance reforms.

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

(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

(5) The Secretary of State shall serve as chairperson of the task force.

(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to rules no later than December 31, 2015.

(10) The *[staff of the Committee Services Office of the Legislative Administration Committee]* **Legislative Policy and Research Director** shall pro-

vide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for purposes of the task force.

(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 14. ORS 285A.143 is amended to read:

285A.143. (1) The Sister State Committee shall be appointed as described in subsection (2) of this section. The committee may consist of not more than 21 members.

(2) Membership of the Sister State Committee includes:

(a) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate;

(b) A cochairperson of the committee who is appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among the members of the House of Representatives;

(c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

(e) Additional members selected according to criteria established by the committee and appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly select one of the members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section to be executive director to plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.145.

(4)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member was appointed. Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the committee begins when the former member's legislative term of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(a) to (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately.

(b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section is two years. A member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (2)(e) of this section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

(5) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the Sister State Committee are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the United States.

(6) The cochairpersons of the Sister State Committee shall preside alternately at Sister State Committee meetings.

(7) A majority of the members of the Sister State Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(8) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide administrative staff support for one meeting of the Sister State Committee held before each visit described in ORS 285A.145 (2)

and for one meeting held after each visit.

(9) The Sister State Committee shall plan, coordinate or conduct activities under ORS 285A.145 for all sister states of this state except provinces described in ORS 285A.152.

(10) For the purposes of this section and ORS 285A.145, “sister state” means an international state or province.

SECTION 15. ORS 285A.148 is amended to read:

285A.148. (1) The Oregon-China Sister State Committee is created consisting of the following members:

(a) The President of the Senate as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the committee;

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives as an ex officio member and cochairperson of the committee;

(c) Two members of the Senate who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(d) Two members of the House of Representatives who are not members of the same political party, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(e) Four members representing Oregon’s business community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(f) Four members representing Oregon’s business community, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(g)(A) One former member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and one former member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; or

(B) If one of the potential appointees described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph is not available, two former members of the Legislative Assembly, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(h) Two public members, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(i) Two public members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-

representatives; and

(j) If the cochairpersons agree, one elected state official, appointed jointly by the cochairpersons.

(2)(a) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may each designate an alternate from time to time from among the members of their respective chambers to exercise powers as a member of the Oregon-China Sister State Committee when the President or Speaker is not in attendance at a committee meeting, except that an alternate may not preside over a committee meeting in place of the President or Speaker.

(b) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly select one of the members appointed under subsection (1)(e) or (f) of this section to be executive director to plan for and coordinate activities under ORS 285A.152.

(3)(a) A member of the Legislative Assembly appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may continue to serve as long as the member remains in the chamber of the Legislative Assembly from which the member was appointed. Before the expiration of the legislative term of office of a member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term on the committee begins when the former member's legislative term of office ends. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (1)(c) or (d) of this section for any other cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately.

(b) The term of office of committee members appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section is two years. A member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for a member appointed under subsection (1)(e) to (j) of this section before the expiration of the term, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become effective immediately for the unexpired term.

(4) Members of the Legislative Assembly who are members of the

Oregon-China Sister State Committee are entitled to a per diem as provided in ORS 171.072 except when members are out of the United States.

(5) The cochairpersons of the Oregon-China Sister State Committee shall preside alternately at meetings of the committee.

(6) A majority of the members of the Oregon-China Sister State Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(7) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide administrative staff support for one meeting of the Oregon-China Sister State Committee held before each visit described in ORS 285A.152 (2) and for one meeting held after each visit.

SECTION 16. Section 1a, chapter 548, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 1a. The removal of the words “or structures” from the phrase “structure or structures” by the amendments to ORS 289.005 by section 1, **chapter 548, Oregon Laws 2015** [*of this 2015 Act*]:

- (1) Does not prohibit the financing of more than one structure;
- (2) Does not limit the effect of, and is subject to construction under, ORS 174.127, under which the singular may include the plural and the plural may include the singular; and
- (3) Conforms the language to the form and style requirements of the Legislative [*Administration*] **Counsel** Committee.

SECTION 17. Section 1, chapter 840, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Task Force on the Capital Construction Budget Process is established. The task force shall consist of:

- (a) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means;
- (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and who is a member of a different political party from the Senate cochair of the joint committee;
- (c) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and who is a member of a different political

1 party from the House cochair of the joint committee;

2 (d) The Legislative Fiscal Officer; and

3 (e) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or
4 a designee of the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Ser-
5 vices.

6 (2) The task force shall:

7 (a) Create a current inventory of state-owned buildings, including a de-
8 scription of the condition of each building;

9 (b) Review existing statutory provisions governing the process of devel-
10 oping the capital construction portion of the state budget, including but not
11 limited to provisions in ORS chapters 291 and 293;

12 (c) Identify current statutory provisions relating to the capital con-
13 struction portion of the state budget that are outdated, are unnecessary or
14 need modification;

15 (d) Identify new provisions that would aid in the development of the
16 capital construction portion of the state budget;

17 (e) Identify and recommend a long-range process for determining and im-
18 plementing future capital construction needs and priorities for this state;

19 (f) Identify and recommend a process for determining how capital con-
20 struction budget requests relate to overall state budget priorities;

21 (g) Consider whether capital construction budgets should also include
22 forecasts of the costs of operating and maintaining state buildings upon
23 which capital construction moneys are spent; and

24 (h) Recommend a comprehensive package of statutory changes that will
25 allow the Legislative Assembly to develop budgets for capital construction
26 projects based on identified long-term goals, using an incremental process
27 that is integrated into the overall state budget each biennium and that pro-
28 vides more transparency for the public.

29 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for
30 the transaction of business.

31 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority

of the members of the task force.

(5) The cochairpersons of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means shall serve as chairpersons of the task force.

(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause in a position appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairpersons or of a majority of the members of the task force.

(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(9) Not later than October 15, 2016, the task force shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation.

(10) The Legislative [Administrator] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative [Administration] **Policy and Research** Committee for purposes of the task force.

(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 18. Section 1, chapter 728, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 1. (1) The Task Force on Class Sizes is established for the purpose

1 of determining appropriate class sizes of students, identifying methods to
2 reduce class sizes and determining the cost for the methods to reduce class
3 sizes.

4 (2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

5 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the ma-
6 jority party of the Senate and one member from the minority party of the
7 Senate.

8 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member
9 from the majority party of the House of Representatives and one member
10 from the minority party of the House of Representatives.

11 (c) The Governor shall appoint the following 11 members taking into
12 consideration geographic and demographic diversity:

13 (A) One member who is a district superintendent.

14 (B) One member who is a chairperson of a school district board.

15 (C) One member who is a board member of a parent organization.

16 (D) One member who is a teacher in any grade from kindergarten through
17 grade 5.

18 (E) One member who is a teacher in any grade from grades 6 through 8.

19 (F) One member who is a teacher in any grade from grades 9 through 12.

20 (G) One member who is in a leadership position for a bargaining repre-
21 sentative for teachers.

22 (H) One member who is a member of a bargaining representative for
23 teachers.

24 (I) Two members who represent local nonprofit organizations that regu-
25 larly work with public schools.

26 (J) One member who represents the Department of Education.

27 (3) The task force shall:

28 (a) Determine appropriate class sizes based on grade, types of students
29 and subject area content.

30 (b) Identify options to reduce class sizes.

31 (c) Identify the costs associated with the options identified under para-

graph (b) of this subsection.

(4) When fulfilling the task force's duties described in subsection (3) of this section and making recommendations for legislation, the task force shall take into consideration:

(a) The optimization of student learning outcomes and long-term impacts.

(b) The enhancement of efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of educational services to students at all grade levels.

(c) The allowance of sufficient flexibility for individual school districts and schools in determining maximum class sizes, particularly within the confines of budgetary limitations.

(d) Cultural and historical appropriateness.

(e) The incorporation of best practices for teaching students.

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

(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education no later than September 15, 2016.

(12) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide staff support to the task force.

(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual

and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative [Administration] **Policy and Research** Committee for purposes of the task force.

(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 19. Section 2, chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. (1)(a) The Task Force on Funding for Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education is established, consisting of not fewer than 16 or more than 22 members appointed as follows:

(A) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the Senate.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the House of Representatives.

(C) The State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall appoint one nonvoting member from among the members of the commission.

(D) The Governor shall appoint not fewer than 11 or more than 17 members. All members of the task force appointed by the Governor shall have a general knowledge, understanding and interest in fish, wildlife and fish and wildlife habitat-related natural resource issues. In making appointments, the Governor shall endeavor, to the extent the Governor deems practicable, to ensure that each of the following are represented on the task force:

- (i) The outdoor recreation business community;
- (ii) Conservation interests;
- (iii) Hunting interests;
- (iv) Angling interests;

(v) Outdoor recreation interests other than hunting and fishing;

(vi) Members of the general public interested in the health of Oregon's fish, wildlife and fish and wildlife habitat and outdoor recreation and who represent members of Oregon's diverse communities that may be underserved or underrepresented by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife's current operations;

(vii) The travel and tourism industry;

(viii) Counties and tribal governments;

(ix) The outdoor education community;

(x) The sport fishing industry; and

(xi) The commercial fishing industry.

(b) The State Fish and Wildlife Director, or the director's designee, shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the task force.

(2) The task force shall:

(a) Identify and recommend potential alternative, sustainable funding sources for the State Department of Fish and Wildlife that are consistent with the intent and purposes set forth in section 1, **chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015**, [*of this 2015 Act*] and that may include:

(A) The taxation of the sale of recreational outdoor equipment, clothing or related goods;

(B) Contributions from businesses, organizations and individuals to support the protection and conservation of native nongame wildlife and nongame wildlife habitat;

(C) Fees for services provided by the department to other agencies, organizations or interests;

(D) Fees levied on activities and uses of natural resources that provide commercial benefits and impact fish, wildlife or fish or wildlife habitat;

(E) Endowments, trust funds or other instruments capable of providing stable funding in perpetuity; or

(F) Other funding models, mechanisms or partnerships.

(b) Develop recommendations on whether adjustments are necessary to

ensure that relevant department program areas are funded in accordance with the intent and purposes set forth in section 1, **chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015**, [*of this 2015 Act*,] while taking into consideration for each relevant program:

(A) The public services provided through the program;

(B) The funding necessary for the program to provide optimal benefits; and

(C) The sources of funding for the program.

(c) Identify and recommend opportunities for the department to better achieve its mission and conservation program objectives through leveraging, coordinating and budgeting funds from alternative sources and existing sources including, but not limited to, federal funds, licenses and permits, lottery funds and mitigation funds.

(3) In carrying out its duties under subsection (2) of this section, the task force shall:

(a) Solicit, collect and consider testimony and recommendations from a wide variety of stakeholders;

(b) Ensure that any recommendations made by the task force comply with the department's mission, the Oregon Constitution and federal law;

(c) Identify, procure and consider any research, surveys and other information that the task force deems necessary for developing informed recommendations;

(d) Consider the practicality of proposed options, including, but not limited to, the logistics of implementation and administration; and

(e) Identify and develop strategies for informing and educating the public about:

(A) The long-term funding needs of the department;

(B) The benefits of providing stable, alternative funding for the management and conservation of fish, wildlife and fish and wildlife habitat; and

(C) The net economic benefits to Oregon's economy of fishing, hunting and other wildlife-related recreation and habitat improvement and protection

efforts.

(4) The task force may:

(a) Accept comments and exhibits from public and private sources, examine department records and take other actions reasonable for carrying out the work of the task force; and

(b) Make recommendations on other issues that may impact the department's funding or ability to achieve its mission, including but not limited to the recruitment and retention of hunters and anglers, promotion of the department's programs, predation, and habitat improvement.

(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) Official action by the task force, including adoption of the report and recommendations described in subsection (11) of this section, requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

(10) The task force may adopt procedures necessary for the operation of the task force.

(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2016.

(12) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide staff support to the task force.

(13) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** may accept, on behalf of the task force, contributions of moneys and assistance from the United States Government or its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the

1 moneys not inconsistent with the duties of the task force. All moneys re-
 2 ceived by the [*Legislative Administration Committee*] **director** under this
 3 subsection shall be deposited into the Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor
 4 Recreation and Education Fund established under section 3, **chapter 712,**
 5 **Oregon Laws 2015**, [*of this 2015*] Act to be used for the purposes of carrying
 6 out the duties of the task force.

7 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative
 8 Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual
 9 and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance
 10 of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS
 11 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task
 12 force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative [*Adminis-*
 13 *tration*] **Policy and Research** Committee for purposes of the task force un-
 14 der this section.

15 (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are di-
 16 rected to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the
 17 extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such infor-
 18 mation and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to
 19 perform their duties.

20 **SECTION 20.** Section 3, chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to
 21 read:

22 **Sec. 3.** The Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education
 23 Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the
 24 General Fund. Interest earned by the Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor
 25 Recreation and Education Fund shall be credited to the fund. All moneys in
 26 the Fish, Wildlife and Related Outdoor Recreation and Education Fund are
 27 continuously appropriated to the Legislative [*Administration*] **Policy and**
 28 **Research** Committee for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the task
 29 force established under section 2, **chapter 712, Oregon Laws 2015** [*of this*
 30 *2015 Act*] .

31 **SECTION 21.** Section 5, chapter 814, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to

1 read:

2 **Sec. 5.** (1) The Oregon Shellfish Task Force is established, consisting of
3 11 members appointed as follows:

4 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among
5 members of the Senate.

6 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member
7 from among members of the House of Representatives.

8 (c) The Governor shall appoint nine members as follows:

9 (A) The Director of Agriculture or the director's designee;

10 (B) The State Fish and Wildlife Director or the director's designee;

11 (C) Two members representing commercial shellfish growers;

12 (D) One member representing port districts;

13 (E) One member representing those programs at Oregon State University
14 that engage in research and other efforts related to shellfish;

15 (F) One member representing the interests of recreational shellfish
16 harvesters;

17 (G) One member representing the interests of Oregon Indian tribes; and

18 (H) One member representing a conservation organization with demon-
19 strated expertise in the conservation of estuarine habitats and restoration
20 of native shellfish.

21 (2) The task force shall develop and produce a draft Oregon Shellfish In-
22 itiative that sets forth priorities and implementation strategies for address-
23 ing shellfish production in this state. The draft initiative shall include but
24 not be limited to the following:

25 (a) A recognition of, and strategy for supporting and encouraging, facili-
26 tated by extension activities, the collaboration between the commercial and
27 recreational shellfish industries, state and federal agencies and academia
28 that is necessary to fully address issues related to shellfish production in
29 this state.

30 (b) Recommendations regarding which state agency is best suited to serve
31 as the lead agency for addressing and regulating shellfish production in this

1 state, and legislative or agency action that may be required to transfer nec-
2 essary duties to the recommended lead agency.

3 (c) Recommendations for priorities for research and research funding re-
4 lated to:

5 (A) Identifying opportunities to enhance shellfish production in this state,
6 by conducting site suitability research and prioritizing pilot projects, that
7 will initially focus on enhancing existing certified areas and that have a
8 basis in enhancing resource protection and restoration, mariculture pro-
9 duction potential and economic potential.

10 (B) Developing best management practices through cooperative efforts
11 between the commercial and recreational shellfish industries, state and fed-
12 eral agencies and academia to identify planning actions and mariculture
13 techniques that are consistent with the conservation of wild shellfish stocks
14 and shellfish habitats.

15 (C) The impacts of ocean acidification on wild shellfish stocks and culti-
16 vated shellfish and the relevance of ocean acidification to this state's ability
17 to successfully implement the priorities and strategies contained in the
18 shellfish initiative.

19 (D) The socioeconomic and social vulnerability impacts of shellfish pro-
20 duction in this state, including the economic costs and benefits of shellfish
21 mariculture and recreational shellfish harvesting to coastal communities.

22 (E) Improving water quality and monitoring related to mariculture certi-
23 fication, and improving the monitoring of bays and estuaries for biotoxins,
24 harmful algae blooms and fecal indicator bacteria.

25 (F) Assessing wild shellfish stocks, enhancing recreational harvest op-
26 portunities and restoring native shellfish populations, with a particular focus
27 on opportunities to enhance and recover degraded shellfish populations, in-
28 cluding but not limited to Olympia oysters.

29 (G) Other issues related to shellfish production in this state as identified
30 by the task force.

31 (d) An identification of strategies for obtaining funding to support the

priorities identified under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

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

(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(9) The task force shall submit the draft initiative, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to environment and natural resources, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 and no later than September 15, 2016.

(10) The Legislative [*Administration Committee*] **Policy and Research Director** shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative [*Administration*] **Policy and Research** Committee for purposes of the task force.

(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 22. Section 1, chapter 848, Oregon Laws 2015, is amended to

1 read:

2 **Sec. 1.** (1) The Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing is es-
3 tablished, consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:

4 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among
5 members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the mi-
6 nority party.

7 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two mem-
8 bers from among members of the House of Representatives, one from the
9 majority party and one from the minority party.

10 (c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members as follows:

11 (A) One member to represent the office of the Governor.

12 (B) One member to represent the Employment Department.

13 (C) One member to represent community colleges.

14 (D) One member to represent the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

15 (E) One member to represent housing and community development.

16 (F) One member to represent parole and probation personnel.

17 (G) One member to represent counties.

18 (H) One member to represent building trades.

19 (I) One member to represent Oregon businesses.

20 (J) One member to represent housing advocates.

21 (K) One member to represent reentry advocates.

22 (2) The task force shall study and recommend methods and actions that
23 the state and local governments may reasonably undertake to:

24 (a) Improve the experience of reentry into nonincarcerated daily living for
25 persons with a criminal conviction;

26 (b) Expand employment opportunities for persons with a criminal con-
27 viction;

28 (c) Assist with identifying and providing housing opportunities for per-
29 sons with a criminal conviction; and

30 (d) Create certificates and a certification process for persons with a
31 criminal conviction.

1 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for
2 the transaction of business.

3 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority
4 of the members of the task force.

5 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

6 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall
7 make an appointment to become immediately effective.

8 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of
9 the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.

10 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task
11 force.

12 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS
13 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to interim com-
14 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing and workforce devel-
15 opment no later than December 15, 2015.

16 (10) The [*Legislative Administrator*] **Legislative Policy and Research**
17 **Committee** shall provide staff support to the task force.

18 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative
19 Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual
20 and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance
21 of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS
22 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task
23 force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Housing and Community
24 Services Department for purposes of the task force.

25 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are di-
26 rected to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the
27 extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such infor-
28 mation and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to
29 perform their duties.

30 **SECTION 23. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate**
31 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**

1 **declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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