

**CHAPTER 10**

AN ACT HB 4063  
 [2002 Third Special Session]

Relating to study of revenue options; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Task Force, consisting of eight members appointed as follows:

(a) The Senate Majority Leader, or the designee of the Senate Majority Leader;

(b) The Senate Minority Leader, or the designee of the Senate Minority Leader;

(c) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

(d) One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

(e) The House Majority Leader, or the designee of the House Majority Leader;

(f) The House Minority Leader, or the designee of the House Minority Leader;

(g) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(h) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the House Minority Leader.

(2) The purpose of the task force is to evaluate and prepare legislative options that would lessen Oregon's dependence on income taxes as the predominant source of state revenue.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Examine alternative tax reform proposals to develop a more stable tax system;

(b) Evaluate the current property tax system;

(c) Develop proposals for long-term, stable revenue sources to support kindergarten through grade 12 education; and

(d) Evaluate school finance and accountability alternatives for the management of costs related to education funding.

(4) In addition to any other meetings scheduled by the task force, the task force shall meet at least once in each congressional district throughout this state between the effective date of this 2002 third special session Act and December 15, 2002.

(5) The task force shall present its findings and recommendations to the committees of the Seventy-second Legislative Assembly having jurisdiction over revenue and school funding matters prior to February 1, 2003.

(6) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the members of the task force shall select a chair of the task force from among its members.

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

**SECTION 2.** (1) There is created the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Advisory Council, consisting of 13 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate, in consultation with the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, shall appoint two members representing business, two members representing schools and education labor organizations, and two members of the public;

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consultation with the House Majority and Minority Leaders, shall appoint two members representing business, two members representing schools and education labor organizations, and two members of the public; and

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint one member who shall serve as the chair of the advisory council.

(2) Two members of the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Task Force from the majority party of the Legislative Assembly and two members of the task force from the minority party of the Legislative Assembly, appointed by the chair of the task force, shall serve as ex officio members of the advisory council.

(3) The advisory council shall advise the task force and make recommendations to the task force on the subjects described in section 1 (3) of this 2002 third special session Act.

(4) The advisory council shall meet at least five times between the effective date of this 2002 third special session Act and December 15, 2002. The advisory council shall make final recommendations to the task force before December 1, 2002.

**SECTION 3.** (1) The Legislative Revenue Officer shall provide staff and administrative support to the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Task Force and the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Advisory Council. The Legislative Revenue Officer may request staff or assistance from any other entity having knowledge of business and economic conditions in this state.

(2) All public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, are directed to assist the task force and the advisory council in the performance of their duties and, to the extent permitted by laws related to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force or members of the advisory council consider necessary to perform their duties.

(3) Members of the Legislative Assembly who serve on the task force are entitled to a per

diem payment and an allowance for expenses as authorized by ORS 171.072 from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. Members of the Legislative Assembly who are ex officio members of the advisory council are entitled to a per diem payment and an allowance for expenses, as authorized by ORS 171.072 from funds appropriated by the Legislative Assembly, for any day on which there is an advisory council meeting but not a task force meeting. Other members of the advisory council are not entitled to compensation but may receive actual and necessary travel or other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties in the manner provided under ORS 292.495.

**SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Legislative Revenue Officer, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, out of the General

Fund, the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of paying the expenses of the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Task Force and the Revenue Options, School Funding and Accountability Advisory Council created under sections 1 and 2 of this 2002 third special session Act.

**SECTION 5.** Sections 1 to 3 of this 2002 third special session Act are repealed on June 30, 2003.

**SECTION 6.** This 2002 third special session Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2002 third special session Act takes effect on its passage.

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