

CHAPTER 110

AN ACT

HB 4010

Relating to home ownership; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Addressing Racial Disparities in Home Ownership is established.

(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate;

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives; and

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint seven members who represent the following interests:

(A) One member who represents real estate licensees in this state;

(B) One member who represents entities that originate, fund or service mortgage loans;

(C) One member who represents an organization with a particular focus on serving people of color that provides individuals and families counseling, education or the opportunity to purchase affordable housing; and

(D) Four members who represent residents of this state who have suffered historic discrimination or who currently lack opportunities for home ownership because of discrimination or inadequate financial resources. The President and the Speaker shall solicit input as to appropriate members from among affected communities in this state.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Compile data concerning levels of home ownership among people of color in this state;

(b) Identify barriers to home ownership that people of color in this state face;

(c) Investigate practices and procedures for approving mortgage loans;

(d) Identify any mortgage loan application and approval practices and procedures that deliberately or inadvertently discriminate impermissibly against people of color or that directly or indirectly create or maintain barriers against approving mortgage loans for people of color;

(e) Identify barriers other than access to mortgage loans or other credit that reduce or prevent home ownership among people of color; and

(f) Recommend solutions, including legislation, to modify practices or procedures for mortgage loan applications and approvals to

eliminate any impermissible discrimination or barriers and to improve other conditions that reduce or prevent home ownership among people of color in this state.

(4) The task force may consult experts, form subcommittees or advisory committees, conduct field investigations, hearings and other meetings, receive testimony in any form or format, request or require production of documents and other evidence and otherwise take any lawful action to carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (3) of this section.

(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 a task force member 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 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15, 2019.

(12) The Legislative 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 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on 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 the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on December 31, 2019.

SECTION 3. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect on its passage.

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