

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 304**

Ordered by the Senate March 10  
Including Senate Amendments dated March 10

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, JAMA (Pre-session filed.)

**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.

Establishes Task Force on Occupational Licensing. Directs task force to study value of occupational licensing regulatory agency. Permits task force to pre-session file legislation. Requires task force to report to Legislative Assembly.

Sunset December 31, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to a task force on occupational licensing; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Occupational Licensing is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of eight members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(3) The task force shall:**

11 **(a) Examine occupational licensing regulatory models;**

12 **(b) Study the value of an occupational licensing regulatory agency to oversee licensing**  
13 **boards;**

14 **(c) Recommend whether to create an occupational licensing regulatory agency;**

15 **(d) Make any other recommendations regarding the reduction of barriers to making**  
16 **changes across occupational license types and populations; and**

17 **(e) Seek input regarding occupational licensing from:**

18 **(A) Individuals who hold an occupational license issued in this state;**

19 **(B) Individuals who intend to become holders of an occupational license issued in this**  
20 **state;**

21 **(C) Advocacy organizations related to occupational licensing;**

22 **(D) Licensing boards in this state;**

23 **(E) State agencies; and**

24 **(F) National experts on occupational licensing.**

25 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
26 **of business.**

**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.

1       **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
2 **of the task force.**

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

4       **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**  
5 **ment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

9       **(10) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**  
10 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**  
11 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

12       **(11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**  
13 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and**  
14 **Speaker designate.**

15       **(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the**  
16 **performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director**  
17 **shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use**  
18 **the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the**  
19 **greatest extent practicable.**

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

24       **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.**

25       **SECTION 3.** **This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
26 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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