

House Bill 2472

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Extending Washington County Commuter Rail to Salem.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to commuter rail.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Extending Washington County**
5 **Commuter Rail to Salem consisting of 15 members as follows:**

6 (a) **One member who is the Representative of the Fifth Congressional District of Oregon**
7 **or the Representative's designee.**

8 (b) **Two members of the Senate, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Re-**
9 **publican, who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.**

10 (c) **Two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a Democrat and one**
11 **of whom is a Republican, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Represen-**
12 **tatives.**

13 (d) **One member who represents the Portland and Western Railroad, and who shall be**
14 **appointed by the Department of Transportation from a list of persons submitted to the de-**
15 **partment by the Portland and Western Railroad.**

16 (e) **One member who is a representative of Tri-Met, as defined in ORS 267.334, and who**
17 **shall be appointed by the Tri-Met governing body.**

18 (f) **One member who is a representative of Washington County government, and who**
19 **shall be appointed by the Washington County Board of Commissioners.**

20 (g) **One member who is a representative of Marion County government, and who shall**
21 **be appointed by the Marion County Board of Commissioners.**

22 (h) **One member who is the administrator of the Rail Division of the Department of**
23 **Transportation.**

24 (i) **One member who is the mayor of Beaverton or the designee of the mayor of**
25 **Beaverton.**

26 (j) **One member who is the mayor of Wilsonville or the designee of the mayor of**
27 **Wilsonville.**

28 (k) **One member who is the mayor of Keizer or the designee of the mayor of Keizer.**

29 (L) **One member who is the mayor of Salem or the designee of the mayor of Salem.**

30 (m) **One member who is a representative of the Salem Area Mass Transit District, and**
31 **who shall be appointed by the Cherriots Board of Directors.**

32 **(2) The task force shall:**

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 (a) Explore the possibility of extending the Washington County Commuter Rail from
2 Wilsonville to Salem; and

3 (b) Develop and implement a program designed to generate interest and activity in ex-
4 tending the commuter line.

5 (3) The task force may:

6 (a) Identify the actions that are necessary to extend the Washington County Commuter
7 Rail to Salem;

8 (b) Research the need for an extension of the Washington County Commuter Rail;

9 (c) Evaluate the results of the research described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this sub-
10 section; and

11 (d) Submit recommendations for legislation for pre-session filing to an appropriate interim
12 committee no later than October 1, 2008. All legislation recommended by official action of the
13 task force must indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.

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

16 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
17 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

24 (10) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate in the manner
26 provided by ORS 192.245 no later than October 1, 2008.

27 (11) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff support to the task
28 force.

29 (12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the
30 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-
31 teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation
32 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

37 (14) The task force shall have its first meeting no later than 60 days after the effective
38 date of this 2007 Act.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
40 regular biennial legislative session.