

House Bill 3302

Sponsored by Representatives CLEM, D EDWARDS, C EDWARDS; Representative WITT

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Underground Economy.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to underground economy task force; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on the Underground Economy, consist-**
5 **ing of five members as follows:**

6 (a) **The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or the commissioner's**
7 **designee;**

8 (b) **One member appointed by the Director of the Employment Department;**

9 (c) **One member appointed by the Director of the Department of Revenue;**

10 (d) **One member appointed by the Attorney General; and**

11 (e) **One member appointed by the Workers' Compensation Board.**

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

13 (a) **Investigate ways to identify employers in Oregon who pay employees in cash or hire**
14 **employees on a cash-payment basis to avoid complying with employment laws;**

15 (b) **Provide the commissioner with information regarding employers described in para-**
16 **graph (a) of this subsection;**

17 (c) **Focus on identifying employers described in paragraph (a) of this subsection who are**
18 **not experiencing labor shortages and who are paying wages that are above the state average**
19 **including, but not limited to, employers in the construction industry; and**

20 (d) **Consider a recommendation that the commissioner hire three persons to investigate**
21 **and initiate proceedings against employers described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 **(9) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the**
2 **President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the manner**
3 **provided by ORS 192.145 no later than October 1, 2008.**

4 **(10) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall provide staff support to the task force.**

5 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**
6 **for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of**
7 **their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**
8 **penditures shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for that**
9 **purpose.**

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

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

16 **SECTION 3.** **This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
17 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect**
18 **on its passage.**