

House Bill 3320

Sponsored by Representatives KOTEK, SHIELDS; Senators CARTER, MORRISETTE, WESTLUND (at the request of Gary Hansen)

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 **as introduced**.

Creates Welcome to Oregon Task Force to study strategies to create welcoming environment for visitors entering state on Interstate Highway 5 from Vancouver, Washington.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Welcome to Oregon Task Force; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Welcome to Oregon Task Force, consisting of nine**
5 **members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint to the task force at least**
6 **one member from each of the following:**

7 (a) **The Department of Transportation;**

8 (b) **The Port of Portland created under ORS 778.010;**

9 (c) **The business community;**

10 (d) **A neighborhood or community organization in Hayden Island; and**

11 (e) **The public at large.**

12 (2) **The task force shall study strategies to create a welcoming environment for visitors**
13 **entering Oregon on Interstate Highway 5 from Vancouver, Washington. The task force shall**
14 **consider and recommend "Welcome to Oregon" signage, state entrance information to be**
15 **posted for motorists and the availability of visitor information at an entrance facility on**
16 **Interstate Highway 5 at Hayden Island in north Portland. The strategies considered by the**
17 **task force must take into account and coordinate with effects on the tourism industry,**
18 **traffic, land use, economic development of the nearby area and impacts on the neighborhood**
19 **and the environment by the quality of "Welcome to Oregon" signage and other state en-**
20 **trance information or facilities the task force determines are appropriate or necessary.**

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

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

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

26 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-**
27 **come immediately effective.**

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

30 (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, and may include recommendations for legis-
2 lation, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation established under ORS 171.595
3 or an interim legislative committee related to economic development, as appropriate, no later
4 than October 1, 2008.

5 (10) The Travel Information Council shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

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

15 (13) All appointments to the task force made under subsection (1) of this section must
16 be completed by January 1, 2008.

17 (14) The task force shall have its first meeting on or before February 2, 2008.

18 SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Travel Information Council, for the biennium
19 beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of
20 carrying out the duties of the Welcome to Oregon Task Force.

21 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
22 regular biennial legislative session.

23 SECTION 4. This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
25 on its passage.
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