

House Bill 3556

Sponsored by Representative P SMITH

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Food Safety. Requires task force to report and make recommendations to interim legislative committee no later than February 3, 2008. Sunsets task force.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to food safety; 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 Food Safety, consisting of the fol-**
5 **lowing:**

6 **(a) Three members appointed by the Director of Agriculture. Of the members appointed**
7 **by the director:**

8 **(A) One shall be a representative of the State Department of Agriculture;**

9 **(B) One shall be a representative of food manufacturers; and**

10 **(C) One shall be a representative of food distributors.**

11 **(b) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in consulta-**
12 **tion with the President of the Senate, from among members of the House of Representatives.**

13 **(c) The State Veterinarian.**

14 **(2) The task force shall study issues regarding the safety of human and animal food**
15 **production, manufacture, distribution and sales in this state, including but not limited to**
16 **ways to:**

17 **(a) Achieve the statewide integration of efforts to prevent foodborne illnesses;**

18 **(b) Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of food safety programs;**

19 **(c) Redirect food safety efforts to achieve maximum benefit;**

20 **(d) Modify inspection, enforcement and research efforts to respond to scientifically sup-**
21 **portable assessments of risk to public health;**

22 **(e) Modify food safety measures to reflect changes in available technologies;**

23 **(f) Cooperate with other governments and with academic and industry resources to con-**
24 **tinuously improve food safety research capabilities;**

25 **(g) Improve the education of the public regarding food safety; and**

26 **(h) Focus food safety efforts through changes in administrative agency duties.**

27 **(3) The task force may appoint work groups to assist the task force in its duties. Work**
28 **group members need not be members of the task force.**

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

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

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 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
9 lation, to an interim committee related to agriculture or health no later than February 3,
10 2008.

11 (11) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.

12 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
13 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
14 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
15 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
16 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the State Department of Agri-
17 culture for that purpose.

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

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

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

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