

# Senate Bill 769

Sponsored by Senator NELSON, Representative JENSON

## SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Eastern Oregon Training Center. Directs task force to determine feasibility of conversion of training center to post-acute care rehabilitation center for persons with traumatic brain injuries.

Sunsetts task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to Eastern Oregon Training Center; 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 Eastern Oregon Training Center,**  
5 **consisting of eight members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The Governor shall appoint one member from the office of the Governor.**

7 (b) **The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall appoint one member from the Department of**  
8 **Veterans' Affairs.**

9 (c) **The Director of Human Services shall appoint one member from the Department of**  
10 **Human Services.**

11 (d) **The superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Training Center.**

12 (e) **The Governor shall appoint one representative from each of the following groups:**

13 (A) **A Pendleton community leader recommended by the City of Pendleton;**

14 (B) **A current employee of the Eastern Oregon Training Center recommended by the**  
15 **employees' representative union;**

16 (C) **A person with a traumatic brain injury recommended by a traumatic brain injury**  
17 **support group; and**

18 (D) **A veteran recommended by a veterans' organization.**

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

20 (a) **Explore the feasibility of converting the Eastern Oregon Training Center into a**  
21 **post-acute care rehabilitation center for persons with traumatic brain injuries; and**

22 (b) **Determine if creation of a partnership with the United States Department of Veterans**  
23 **Affairs and neighboring states could make the training center a regional resource for per-**  
24 **sons with traumatic brain injuries.**

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

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

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

30 (6) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

**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 **ment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

5 **(9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**  
6 **lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to veterans no later than**  
7 **October 1, 2010.**

8 **(10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.**

9 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for**  
10 **expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  
16 **regular biennial legislative session.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
19 **on its passage.**

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