

# House Bill 2501

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## 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**.

Establishes task force to determine best practices for coordinating testimony of law enforcement and correctional officers and feasibility of providing Internet access to law enforcement and correctional officers who are waiting to testify.

Sunsets task force on February 4, 2013.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to scheduling public employee court appearances; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Law Enforcement and Correctional Testimony is es-**  
5 **tablished, consisting of the following members appointed by the Governor:**

6 (a) **The Director of the Department of Corrections or a designee of the director.**

7 (b) **One member who is a representative of the Oregon Youth Authority.**

8 (c) **One member who is a representative of the Judicial Department.**

9 (d) **Two members who are district attorneys.**

10 (e) **Two members who are representatives of the Oregon State Police.**

11 (f) **Two members who are sheriffs.**

12 (g) **Two members who are chiefs of police.**

13 (h) **Any other members the task force considers necessary.**

14 (2) **The task force shall develop a pilot project in one or more counties to determine:**

15 (a) **Best practices for coordinating court schedules and the schedules of public safety**  
16 **officers, corrections officers and youth correction officers subpoenaed to appear in court;**  
17 **and**

18 (b) **The feasibility of providing Internet access to public safety officers, corrections offi-**  
19 **cers and youth correction officers who are waiting to appear in court.**

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

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

24 (5) **The Director of the Department of Corrections or the designee of the director shall**  
25 **serve as chairperson of the task force.**

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**

**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 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

3 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-  
4 lation, to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to judicial procedure as  
5 appropriate no later than July 1, 2012.

6 (10) The Department of Corrections shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

12 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and all local govern-  
13 ments, as defined in ORS 174.116, are directed to assist the task force in the performance  
14 of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such  
15 information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their  
16 duties.

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on February 4, 2013.

18 SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect  
20 on its passage.

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