

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2855**

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Including House Amendments dated March 21

Sponsored by Representative NATHANSON; Representatives BARKER, BARNHART, DEMBROW, DOHERTY, FREDERICK, HOYLE, J SMITH, Senator EDWARDS (Presession filed.)

**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.

Creates State and Local Government Efficiency Task Force.  
Directs task force to appoint technical advisers to aid and advise task force and establish subcommittees to work on specified subject areas.  
Sunssets task force on February 4, 2013.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to efficiencies in the provision of governmental services; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the State and Local Government Efficiency Task Force,**  
5 **consisting of 18 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The Governor shall appoint:**

7 (A) **One member from among staff of the Governor's office.**

8 (B) **Seven members, of whom at least six shall be from state agencies and departments**  
9 **other than the Governor's office, representing expertise in areas listed in subsection (3) of**  
10 **this section. One member may be from the private sector, representing knowledge about**  
11 **organizational change or related expertise.**

12 (C) **Two members who are county commissioners in this state. The Governor shall con-**  
13 **sider recommendations for these positions from the Association of Oregon Counties.**

14 (D) **One member who is a mayor or city councilor in this state. The Governor shall con-**  
15 **sider recommendations for this position from the League of Oregon Cities.**

16 (E) **One member who is a member of a special district board of directors.**

17 (b) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
18 **Senate, including at least one member of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.**

19 (c) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
20 **members of the House of Representatives, including at least one member from the Joint**  
21 **Committee on Ways and Means.**

22 (d) **The Secretary of State and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall serve as ex**  
23 **officio members.**

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

25 (a) **Review opportunities to provide services in the most effective and cost-efficient**  
26 **manner through reorganization of the way services are delivered by state and local govern-**

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1 **ment entities and through specific process improvements; and**

2 **(b) Consider the ability of intergovernmental agreements, existing or new service dis-**  
3 **tricts and technology to achieve cost savings.**

4 **(3) The task force shall analyze, at a minimum, the following categories of services under**  
5 **subsection (2) of this section:**

6 **(a) Elections;**

7 **(b) Human services;**

8 **(c) Natural resources;**

9 **(d) Education; and**

10 **(e) Criminal justice.**

11 **(4) The task force may analyze additional services under subsection (2) of this section.**

12 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
13 **of business.**

14 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
15 **of the task force.**

16 **(7) The Governor shall appoint one of the members as chairperson.**

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

19 **(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
20 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

21 **(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

22 **(11) The task force shall submit an interim report to an interim committee of the Leg-**  
23 **islative Assembly no later than January 31, 2012, reporting progress of work, and shall sub-**  
24 **mit a final report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than October**  
25 **1, 2012. The final report shall include recommendations for administrative actions and legis-**  
26 **lative proposals needed to accomplish the recommendations and shall describe opportunities**  
27 **or problems the task force identified but was unable to address or for which the task force**  
28 **was unable to reach a recommendation for action.**

29 **(12) The task force shall use the services of permanent staff of the offices of the Gover-**  
30 **nor, Secretary of State, Judicial Department and Legislative Fiscal Officer. The task force**  
31 **shall also accept staff assistance from:**

32 **(a) The Association of Oregon Counties, if the association offers assistance; and**

33 **(b) The League of Oregon Cities, if the league offers assistance.**

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

38 **(14)(a) The task force shall appoint technical advisers to aid and advise the task force in**  
39 **the performance of its functions.**

40 **(b) The task force shall establish subcommittees to work on the subject areas identified**  
41 **in subsection (3) of this section in the priority order that the task force identifies at its ini-**  
42 **tial meeting.**

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

44 **SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
45 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect**

1 **on its passage.**

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