

House Bill 2879

Sponsored by Representatives J SMITH, JENSON; Representatives BUCKLEY, ESQUIVEL, GILLIAM, KENNEMER, MATTHEWS, NATHANSON (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Extends sunset of Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening from July 1, 2011, to July 1, 2013. Adds four members to task force. Directs task force to explore opportunities for connecting economic gardening services to capital access programs.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to economic gardening; amending sections 1 and 3, chapter 90, Oregon Laws 2010; and de-
3 claring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 1, chapter 90, Oregon Laws 2010, is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 1.** (1) There is created the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development and Economic
7 Gardening, consisting of [15] **19** members appointed as follows:

8 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

9 (A) Two members from among members of the Senate who shall be from different political par-
10 ties.

11 (B) Two members representing municipal or regional economic development organizations.

12 (C) One member who shall be a current or former business leader with fast-growth business
13 experience.

14 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

15 (A) Two members from among members of the House of Representatives who shall be from dif-
16 ferent political parties.

17 (B) Two members representing municipal or regional economic development organizations.

18 (C) One member who shall be a current or former business leader with fast-growth business
19 experience.

20 (D) One member representing a nonprofit business development organization.

21 (c) The Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall appoint one member representing the
22 system who shall be a current or former business leader.

23 (d) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department shall appoint:

24 (A) One member representing the department.

25 (B) One member representing a small business development center who shall be a current or
26 former business leader.

27 (e) The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development shall appoint one
28 member representing the community colleges in this state.

29 **(f) The Governor shall appoint:**

30 **(A) Two members who are currently principals of Oregon-based companies, or have been**

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 **principals of Oregon-based companies within the past five years; and**

2 **(B) Two members who represent trade associations.**

3 [(f)] (g) At least two of the nonlegislative members appointed should have knowledge of ad-
4 vanced market research tools and their application.

5 (2) The task force shall:

6 (a) Identify and assess Oregon's continuum of business development services with particular at-
7 tention to the needs of stage two, high-growth businesses, advanced market research, including but
8 not limited to connectivity among business service providers, and infrastructure to support
9 entrepreneurship and growth company capacity building.

10 (b) Collaborate with state and local governments and their departments, community colleges,
11 institutions of higher education and business and economic development organizations to identify
12 areas for program modification, enhancement, coordination and creation to deliver a more robust
13 continuum of services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent with the principles of eco-
14 nomic gardening.

15 (c) Make recommendations to the [Seventy-sixth] **Seventy-seventh** Legislative Assembly for
16 program modification, enhancement, coordination and creation to deliver a more robust continuum
17 of services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent with the principles of economic gar-
18 dening.

19 (d) Recommend program areas in which Oregon University System graduate programs and com-
20 munity colleges may choose to participate in order to assist in providing a more robust continuum
21 of services for stage two, high-growth businesses consistent with the principles of economic gar-
22 dening, including but not limited to courses of study and internships.

23 (e) Make recommendations for criteria for stage two, high-growth businesses as the criteria re-
24 late to recommended strategies for fast-growth stage-two business development.

25 (f) Make recommendations for key metrics and outcomes to be measured should the state create
26 an economic gardening program.

27 (g) Make recommendations for how an economic gardening program may fit within efforts under
28 way to support the development of the state's minority, women and emerging small business enter-
29 prises.

30 **(h) Explore opportunities for connecting market research and economic gardening ser-**
31 **VICES to capital access programs, including but not limited to the Building Opportunities for**
32 **Oregon Small Business Today (BOOST) Account.**

33 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of
34 business.

35 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the
36 task force.

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

38 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to
39 become immediately effective.

40 (7) The task force shall meet at least once every three months, at times and places specified by
41 the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

43 (9) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the Legislative
44 Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volunteers on the task
45 force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for ex-

