

House Bill 2914

Sponsored by Representative WINGARD (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on One Local Government to study consolidation of local government entities.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to local government consolidation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on One Local Government is established, consisting of**
5 **11 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate. One member must be from the majority party and one must be from the minority**
8 **party.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives. One member must be from the majority party**
11 **and one must be from the minority party.**

12 (c) **The Governor shall appoint seven representatives with the following qualifications:**

13 (A) **One member who is a county commissioner from Clackamas, Washington or**
14 **Multnomah County.**

15 (B) **One member who is a county commissioner from a county west of the summit of the**
16 **Cascade Mountains that is not Clackamas, Washington or Multnomah County.**

17 (C) **One member who is a county commissioner from a county east of the summit of the**
18 **Cascade Mountains.**

19 (D) **One member who is a Metro councilor.**

20 (E) **One member who is a mayor of a city with a population greater than 100,000.**

21 (F) **One member who is a mayor of a city with a population between 50,000 and 100,000.**

22 (G) **One member who is a mayor of a city with a population less than 50,000.**

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

24 (a) **Study the benefits and drawbacks of changing the state Constitution and state law**
25 **so that every Oregonian is represented by only one local government. As used in this para-**
26 **graph, "local government" includes Metro but does not include special districts.**

27 (b) **Study the transition that would be necessary to change from the current local gov-**
28 **ernment structure to the proposed local government structure.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
10 lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to local government no
11 later than October 1, 2012.

12 (10) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the
13 task force.

14 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
15 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
16 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
17 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
18 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Department of Ad-
19 ministrative Services for purposes of the task force.

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

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
25 legislative session.

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

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