

# House Bill 3156

Sponsored by Representative HICKS

## SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Correctional Costs.

Directs task force to study correctional systems across country and identify best practices and methods of reducing corrections expenditures.

Sunsets task force February 4, 2013.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to corrections.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Correctional Costs is established, consisting of the**  
5 **following five members:**

6 (a) **One member from among members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **Two members from among members of the House of Representatives, appointed by**  
9 **the Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney General.**

11 (d) **The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or a designee of the Chief Justice.**

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

13 (a) **Study correctional systems across the country to identify best practices;**

14 (b) **Evaluate the cost-effectiveness of Oregon's correctional system; and**

15 (c) **Identify methods of reducing state expenditures for the state correctional system.**

16 (3) **The task force may conduct hearings, receive written and oral testimony and other-**  
17 **wise gather information necessary to enable the task force to carry out the duties described**  
18 **in subsection (2) of this section.**

19 (4) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
20 **of business.**

21 (5) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
22 **of the task force.**

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

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

26 (8) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
27 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

28 (9) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

29 (10) **The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**  
30 **lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to corrections no later**

**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 **than October 1, 2012.**

2 **(11)(a) The Department of Justice shall provide staff support to the task force.**

3 **(b) At the request of the task force, the Department of Justice may contract for a study**  
4 **of correctional systems across the country for the purpose of identifying best practices and**  
5 **cost-effective strategies for providing correctional services.**

6 **(12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the**  
7 **Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-**  
8 **teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation**  
9 **or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

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

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