

House Bill 3351

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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**.

Creates Task Force on Nuclear Power. Directs task force to study use of nuclear energy technologies to contribute to energy needs of state.

Sunsets February 4, 2013.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to nuclear energy; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Nuclear Power is established, consisting of nine members appointed as follows:

(a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate.**

(b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

(c) **The Governor shall appoint five members as follows:**

(A) **One member who is a faculty member or employee of Oregon State University in the field of nuclear energy;**

(B) **One member who is a member of the Public Utility Commission;**

(C) **One member who is an officer or employee of a corporation developing nuclear power energy facilities;**

(D) **One member who is an officer or elected official of a consumer-owned utility in this state; and**

(E) **One member who is an officer or employee of a public utility in this state.**

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

(a) **Study and report on the methods of providing energy resources through the use of nuclear power, including methods that have been developed since the closure of the Trojan Nuclear Plant in this state;**

(b) **Provide an analysis of the costs and benefits of using nuclear power to provide for this state's energy needs, using all available technologies; and**

(c) **Recommend a strategy for the contribution of nuclear power to the provision of continued abundant, inexpensive and environmentally sound energy for this state.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
8 lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to energy as appropriate
9 no later than October 1, 2012.

10 (10) The State Department of Energy and the Public Utility Commission shall provide
11 staff support to the task force.

12 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
13 entitled to compensation.

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

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

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

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