

House Bill 3602

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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**.

Establishes Task Force on Unemployment Insurance to review unemployment insurance program. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2012. Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to unemployment insurance; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate as follows:**

8 (A) **One member from the Democratic party.**

9 (B) **One member recommended by the leadership of the Republican party in the Senate.**

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

11 (A) **Two members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

12 (B) **Two members who are representatives of the business community as follows:**

13 (i) **One member who is a representative of larger industries; and**

14 (ii) **One member who is a representative of small business.**

15 (C) **One member who is a representative of the labor community.**

16 (D) **One member who is an expert in policy relating to unemployment insurance.**

17 (E) **Two members who represent taxpayers.**

18 (c) **The Governor shall appoint one member who is a representative from the Employ-**
19 **ment Department.**

20 (2) **The task force shall review the unemployment insurance program in this state and**
21 **determine ways to make the program more efficient, fair and useful and to mitigate the**
22 **negative effects of unemployment insurance.**

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

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

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

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

30 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**

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 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

3 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
4 lation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to unemployment insur-
5 ance no later than October 1, 2012.

6 (10) The Employment Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

7 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
8 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
9 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
10 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
11 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Employment Department for
12 purposes of the task force.

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

17 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
18 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

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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