

Senate Bill 988

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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 Oregon Business Regulations.
Sunsets task force on June 30, 2012.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to regulation of businesses; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 (a) **The Governor shall appoint four members from among persons recommended, one**
7 **each by the leadership of the Democratic and Republican parties in each house of the Leg-**
8 **islative Assembly. If a person recommended by the leadership of the Democratic or Repub-**
9 **lican party is not approved by the Governor, the leadership shall recommend another person.**
10 **At least one of the members appointed under this paragraph must be a member of the Leg-**
11 **islative Assembly and at least one member must be a representative of the business sector**
12 **in this state.**

13 (b) **The Governor shall appoint one additional member, without leadership recommen-**
14 **dation, from the Oregon Business Plan Steering Committee who shall serve as chairperson**
15 **of the task force.**

16 (c) **The chairperson of the task force shall appoint six members, one from each of the**
17 **following regions of this state:**

18 (A) **Portland metropolitan area.**

19 (B) **Eastern Oregon.**

20 (C) **Coastal Oregon.**

21 (D) **Mid-Willamette Valley.**

22 (E) **Southern Oregon.**

23 (F) **Central Oregon.**

24 (2)(a) **The task force shall conduct a study on and research ways to improve the business**
25 **climate in this state. The task force shall focus on simplifying and streamlining the regula-**
26 **tory and permitting processes for business activities as set forth in the Oregon Business**
27 **Plan.**

28 (b) **The study conducted under paragraph (a) of this subsection must include but is not**
29 **limited to research and recommendations for submitting future legislation regarding the**
30 **following:**

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 **(A) Regulatory streamlining;**
- 2 **(B) An assessment of the impacts on jobs of legislation and administrative rules regard-**
3 **ing regulatory streamlining;**
- 4 **(C) Reforming the regulatory appeals processes to prevent lengthy or frivolous appeals;**
- 5 **(D) Time requirements for issuance of permits, pending enforcement actions and the**
6 **development of new regulations;**
- 7 **(E) Establishing one-stop, efficient permitting processes;**
- 8 **(F) The benefits and costs of evaluating compliance with administrative rules and regu-**
9 **lations;**
- 10 **(G) Standards for administrative rulemaking;**
- 11 **(H) Coordinating efforts to streamline regulatory processes with local, state and federal**
12 **agencies; and**
- 13 **(I) Initiatives proposed to streamline regulations at the local level.**
- 14 **(3) The task force may hold its meetings by telephone or by using any other electronic**
15 **communication device.**
- 16 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
17 **transaction of business.**
- 18 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
19 **members of the task force.**
- 20 **(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
21 **ment to become immediately effective.**
- 22 **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
23 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**
- 24 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**
- 25 **(9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**
26 **lation, to the legislative committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-**
27 **lated to business no later than February 1, 2012.**
- 28 **(10) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide administrative staff support**
29 **to the task force.**
- 30 **(11) Members of the task force serve as volunteers and are not entitled to compensation,**
31 **including but not limited to travel and other expenses.**
- 32 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
33 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**
34 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
35 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

36 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on June 30, 2012.**

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

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