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SUMMARY

Repeals sunset on Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to the Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement; amending sec-
- tion 20, chapter 178, Oregon Laws 2009; repealing section 21, chapter 178,
- 4 Oregon Laws 2009; and declaring an emergency.
- 5 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 21, chapter 178, Oregon Laws 2009, is repealed.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Section 20, chapter 178, Oregon Laws 2009, is amended to
- 8 read:
- 9 Sec. 20. (1) There is created the Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforce-
- 10 ment consisting of the Attorney General and at least nine members appointed
- 11 as follows:
- 12 (a) The Attorney General shall appoint:
- 13 (A) Two members employed by or associated with a group advocating for 14 the rights of victims of crime;
- 15 (B) A member who represents the Department of Justice Crime Victims' 16 Services Division;
- 17 (C) A lawyer routinely engaged in the representation of persons charged
- 18 with a crime, after consulting with professional organizations serving such
- 19 lawyers;
- 20 (D) A lawyer routinely engaged in prosecuting persons charged with per-
- 21 son felony crimes, after consulting with professional organizations serving

- 1 such lawyers;
- 2 (E) A lawyer routinely engaged in prosecuting persons charged with a
- 3 crime, after consulting with professional organizations serving such lawyers;
- 4 and
- 5 (F) Other persons the Attorney General deems appropriate;
- 6 (b) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint:
- 7 (A) A person employed by the Judicial Department, other than a judge;
- 8 and
- 9 (B) A judge; and
- 10 (c) The executive director of the office of public defense services estab-
- 11 lished under ORS 151.216 shall appoint a person employed by the office of
- 12 public defense services.
- 13 (2) The task force shall review the implementation of [sections 1 to 19 of
- 14 this 2009 Act] ORS 147.500 to 147.550.
- 15 (3) The Attorney General shall serve as chair of the task force and may
- 16 establish a term of office for the members. The task force shall meet at times
- 17 and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the
- 18 members of the task force.
- 19 (4) Members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. If there is
- 20 a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment
- 21 to become immediately effective.
- 22 (5) The task force [shall] **may** prepare reports that [may] include recom-
- 23 mendations for legislation designed to improve, in a cost-efficient manner,
- 24 the protection of rights granted to victims of crime by the Oregon Consti-
- 25 tution. The task force [shall] **may** submit a report [to the President of the
- 26 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than:] pre-
- 27 pared under this subsection to the Legislative Assembly in the manner
- 28 **provided in ORS 192.245.**
- 29 [(a) January 1, 2011; and]
- 30 [(b) January 1, 2013.]
- 31 (6) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or re-

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- 1 imbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.
 - (7) The Department of Justice shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (8) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are di-3 rected to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such infor-5 mation and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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