

HB 2774

Relating to Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement

The 2009 legislature created the Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement to review the implementation of crime victims' rights. House bill 2774 continues the Task Force by repealing the sunset clause on the existing law. With key members appointed by the Attorney General, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the executive director of the Office of Public Defense Services, the task force is charged with recommending legislation designed to improve, in a cost-efficient manner, the protection of rights granted to victims of crime by the Oregon Constitution

The fiscal impact of this bill is minimal. The Oregon Judicial Department and the Department of Justice will use existing staff and resources to continue supporting the task force.

Your Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 2774 be reported out "do pass".

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Hanna
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Continues the Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement by repealing the sunset clause on the existing law. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The 2009 legislature created the Task Force on Victims' Rights Enforcement to review the implementation of crime victims' rights. The Attorney General shall appoint to the task force the following: (1) two individuals associated with groups advocating for the rights of victims; (2) one criminal defense attorney; (3) one district attorney or assistant district attorney; (4) one member of the Department of Justice Crime Victim's Services Division; (5) or other persons the Attorney General deems appropriate. The Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court shall appoint: (1) one judge; (2) one person employed by the Department of Justice; and (3) one person employed by the Office of Public Defense Services.