

House Bill 2655

Sponsored by Representative DOHERTY (Pre-session filed.)

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 Lowering Barriers to Entering a Profession for purpose of studying barriers to entering professions not related to health care.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to barriers to entering a profession; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Lowering Barriers to Entering a Profession is estab-**
5 **lished, consisting of seven members appointed as follows:**

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

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

10 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

11 (A) **One member who represents the Department of Consumer and Business Services;**
12 **and**

13 (B) **Two members who represent professional licensing boards not related to health care.**

14 (2) **Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**
15 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

16 (3) **The task force shall study barriers to entering professions not related to health care,**
17 **including barriers related to acquiring a license to practice the profession.**

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

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

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

23 (7) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
24 **ment to become immediately effective.**

25 (8) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
26 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

27 (9) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

28 (10) **The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
29 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
30 **Assembly related to education and economic development as appropriate no later than Oc-**

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 tober 1, 2014.

2 (11) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall provide staff support to
3 the task force.

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

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

14 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015
15 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

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