House Bill 2900

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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 Unlawful Business-to-Business Trade Practices for purpose of investigating extent to which Oregon unlawful trade practices laws can and should be amended to apply to transactions between businesses.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to unlawful trade practices; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on Unlawful Business-to-Business Trade Practices is established, consisting of nine members appointed as follows:
 - (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate.
 - (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives.
 - (c) The Governor shall appoint four members that represent business interests that operate in this state, one of which must represent a business that is engaged in processing debit card and credit card transactions on behalf of other businesses.
 - (d) The Attorney General shall appoint one member that represents the Department of Justice and who handles prosecutions and other actions related to unlawful trade practices that occur within this state.
 - (2) The task force shall investigate the extent to which Oregon unlawful trade practices laws can and should be amended to apply to transactions between businesses.
 - (3) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for transacting business.
 - (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
 - (5) The task force shall elect one member of the task force to serve as chairperson.
 - (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
 - (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
 - (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
 - (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to business as appropriate no later than October 1, 2014.

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.

- (10) The Attorney General shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses the members incur in performing the members' official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Attorney General for purposes of the task force.
- (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in performing the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform the members' duties.

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

<u>SECTION 3.</u> 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.