

# House Bill 3360

Sponsored by Representative VEGA PEDERSON

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on State Agency Information Technology Expertise for purpose of investigating extent to which creating division or other administrative unit within state agency and employing information technology specialists to meet common and critical information technology needs among state agencies is practical and feasible and to determine costs and benefits of employing information technology specialists within state agencies compared to costs and benefits of contracting for information technology specialists to meet state agencies' needs.

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 information technology expertise needed by state agencies; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on State Agency Information Technology Expertise is**  
5 **established, consisting of nine 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) **The State Chief Information Officer as an ex officio, voting member of the task force;**

12 (B) **Two representatives from state agencies that use information technology extensively**  
13 **in the state agencies' operations; and**

14 (C) **Two representatives from among state employees who work as information technol-**  
15 **ogy consultants or professionals.**

16 (2) **The task force shall:**

17 (a) **Investigate the extent to which creating a division or other administrative unit within**  
18 **a state agency and employing information technology specialists to meet common and crit-**  
19 **ical information technology needs among state agencies is practical and feasible;**

20 (b) **Determine the costs and benefits of employing information technology specialists**  
21 **within state agencies compared to the costs and benefits of contracting for information**  
22 **technology specialists to meet state agencies' needs;**

23 (c) **Recommend further directions for information gathering and research; and**

24 (d) **Recommend staffing levels, tentative budgets, organizational changes, changes in**  
25 **laws, administrative rules and state agency policies and other changes that would be neces-**  
26 **sary to create, employ and use a common pool of information technology specialists to meet**  
27 **state agencies' information technology needs.**

28 (3) **The task force may:**

**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) Investigate, conduct research concerning and otherwise study the needs that state  
2 agencies have for information technology specialists;

3 (b) Hear testimony and receive reports and other documentation related to the issues the  
4 task force must study;

5 (c) Receive cost estimates, budgets, invoices, records of expenses and other information  
6 about costs that state agencies incur when employing information technology specialists and  
7 when using independent contractors for work that involves information technology re-  
8 sources; and

9 (d) Perform any other task that is necessary to enable the task force to fulfill the task  
10 force's mission and function.

11 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the  
12 transaction of business.

13 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
14 members of the task force.

15 (6) The State Chief Information Officer shall serve as the task force's chairperson.

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

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

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

21 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
22 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative  
23 Assembly related to state government operations not later than October 1, 2014.

24 (11) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the  
25 task force.

26 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
27 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
28 expenses the members incur in performing the members' official duties in the manner and  
29 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
30 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Department of Ad-  
31 ministrative Services for purposes of the task force.

32 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
33 the task force in performing the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws  
34 relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the  
35 task force consider necessary to perform the members' duties.

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

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