A-Engrossed Senate Bill 551

Ordered by the Senate July 5 Including Senate Amendments dated July 5

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN, Representative BUCKLEY

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.

Establishes Task Force on Capital Construction Budget Process. Sunsets on date of convening of 2015 regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to state financial administration; and declaring an emergency.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on the Capital Construction Budget Process is estab-5 lished. The task force shall consist of:
 - (a) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means;
 - (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and who is a member of a different political party from the Senate cochair of the joint committee;
 - (c) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and who is a member of a different political party from the House cochair of the joint committee;
 - (d) The Legislative Fiscal Officer; and
 - (e) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a designee of the Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.
 - (2) The task force shall:
 - (a) Create a current inventory of state-owned buildings, including a description of the condition of each building;
 - (b) Review existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the capital construction portion of the state budget, including but not limited to provisions in ORS chapters 291 and 293;
 - (c) Identify current statutory provisions relating to the capital construction portion of the state budget that are outdated, are unnecessary or need modification;
 - (d) Identify new provisions that would aid in the development of the capital construction portion of the state budget;
 - (e) Identify and recommend a long-range process for determining and implementing future capital construction needs and priorities for the state;
 - (f) Identify and recommend a process for determining how capital construction budget requests relate to overall state budget priorities;

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- (g) Consider whether capital construction budgets should also include forecasts of the costs of operating and maintaining state buildings upon which capital construction moneys are spent; and
- (h) Recommend a comprehensive package of statutory changes that will allow the Legislative Assembly to develop budgets for capital construction projects based on identified long-term goals, using an incremental process that is integrated into the overall state budget each biennium and that provides more transparency for the public.
- (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
- (5) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means shall serve as chairpersons of the task force.
- (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause in a position appointed by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 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 chairpersons or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (9) Not later than October 15, 2014, the task force shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and shall include recommendations for legislation.
 - (10) The Legislative Administrator 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 incurred by them in the performance of their 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 Legislative Administration Committee 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 the performance of its 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 their duties.
- <u>SECTION 2.</u> 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.
- 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 2103 Act takes effect on its passage.