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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 633

- On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after "agriculture" insert "; and declaring an emergency".
- Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:
- "SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Local Agricultural Laws is established, consisting of five members appointed as follows:
- "(a) The Governor shall appoint four members. One of the members 6 must be a representative of manufacturers of genetically modified ag-7 ricultural commodities. Two of the members must be actively engaged in the farming of organic crops. One member must be a representative of a nonprofit organization that promotes the interest of farmers and 10 ranchers in public policy matters. The Governor shall consult with the 11 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Represen-12 tatives prior to appointing the task force members. The Governor 13 shall, to the extent the Governor considers practicable, make ap-14 pointments to the task force that represent the various geographic 15 areas of the state. 16
- "(b) The Director of Agriculture shall appoint an employee of the State Department of Agriculture as a member representing the department.
- "(2) The task force shall gather information and make findings regarding the extent, if any, to which the state should preempt the enactment or enforcement of local laws regulating agriculture.

- "(3) The task force may conduct hearings, take testimony, accept exhibits or other evidence and perform other reasonable actions for the acceptance of information that will assist the task force in its work.
- 5 "(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes 6 a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 7 "(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a 8 majority of the voting members of the task force.
- 9 "(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- "(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
 - "(8) 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.
- 16 "(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- "(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture no later than October 1, 2014.
- 22 "(11) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff sup-23 port to the task force.
- "(12) Members of the task force 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 shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the State Department of Agriculture for purposes of the task force.
 - "(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,

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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.

"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.

"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 2013 Act takes effect on its passage."

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