

House Bill 2090

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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 to study relationship between large employers and their employees who are receiving public assistance and to make recommendations regarding feasibility of imposing fee to offset shifting of expenses to public assistance. Requires task force to submit recommendations to Legislative Assembly by March 1, 2016.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to businesses with employees who are receiving public assistance; and declaring an emer-
3 gency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Employees Receiving Public Assistance is established.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
8 **Senate.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives.**

11 **(c) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries shall appoint seven mem-**
12 **bers, three of whom shall represent large employers, three of whom shall represent em-**
13 **ployees of large businesses and one of whom shall represent the public.**

14 **(3) The task force shall make recommendations regarding the possible imposition of a fee**
15 **on large employers that is based on the number of employees of the employer who are re-**
16 **ceiving public assistance.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **(10) The task force shall submit a report on the recommendations described in subsection**
28 **(3) of this section to the regular committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education**

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 no later than March 1, 2016.

2 (11) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall provide staff support to the task force.

3 (12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the
4 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-
5 teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation
6 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

11 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2017
12 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

13 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
15 on its passage.
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