

House Bill 2553

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK; Representatives DOHERTY, GORSEK, HELM, NOSSE (Presession filed.)

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**.

Creates Task Force on Extending the Westside Express Service Commuter Line to Salem.
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 the Task Force on Extending the Westside Express Service Commuter Line to Salem;
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Extending the Westside Express Service Commuter**
6 **Line to Salem is established. The task force consists of 17 members as follows:**

7 (a) **The Representative of the Fifth Congressional District of Oregon or the**
8 **Representative's designee.**

9 (b) **The Mayor of Beaverton or the designee of the mayor.**

10 (c) **The Mayor of Wilsonville or the designee of the mayor.**

11 (d) **The Mayor of Keizer or the designee of the mayor.**

12 (e) **The Mayor of Salem or the designee of the mayor.**

13 (f) **The Mayor of Donald or the designee of the mayor.**

14 (g) **The Mayor of Woodburn or the designee of the mayor.**

15 (h) **The following members appointed by the Governor:**

16 (A) **A representative of Salem-Keizer Transit, who shall be nominated by the Board of**
17 **Directors of Salem-Keizer Transit.**

18 (B) **A representative of Tri-Met, as defined in ORS 267.334.**

19 (C) **A representative of Washington County government.**

20 (D) **A representative of Marion County government.**

21 (i) **Two members of the Senate, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Re-**
22 **publican, who shall be appointed by the President of the Senate.**

23 (j) **Two members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a Democrat and one**
24 **of whom is a Republican, who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Represen-**
25 **tatives.**

26 (k) **The following members appointed by the Director of Transportation:**

27 (A) **A representative of the Portland and Western Railroad, chosen from a list of persons**
28 **submitted to the Department of Transportation by the Portland and Western Railroad.**

29 (B) **The administrator of the rail division of the department.**

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

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) Explore the possibility of extending the Westside Express Service commuter line from
2 Wilsonville to Salem; and

3 (b) Develop and implement a program designed to generate interest and activity in ex-
4 tending the commuter line.

5 (3) The task force may:

6 (a) Identify the actions that are necessary to extend the Westside Express Service
7 commuter line to Salem;

8 (b) Research the need for an extension of the Westside Express Service commuter line;
9 and

10 (c) Evaluate the results of the research described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this sub-
11 section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
23 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
24 Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2016.

25 (11) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff support to the task
26 force.

27 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
28 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
29 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
30 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
31 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Administration
32 Committee for purposes of the task force.

33 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
34 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

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

39 (15) The task force shall have its first meeting no later than 60 days after the effective
40 date of this 2015 Act.

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

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

