

House Bill 2849

Sponsored by Representative SMITH

SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Self-Sufficiency Program Effectiveness. Specifies membership and duties of task force.

Sunsets task force December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to services provided to needy families; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Self-Sufficiency Program Effectiveness is established,**
5 **consisting of 11 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 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly appoint seven**
11 **members as follows:**

12 (A) **One member representing the Department of Human Services;**

13 (B) **One member representing the Employment Department;**

14 (C) **One member representing the Housing and Community Services Department;**

15 (D) **One member representing a nonprofit organization that serves low income families**
16 **and individuals;**

17 (E) **One member representing educators; and**

18 (F) **Two members representing the business community.**

19 (2) **The task force shall identify the programs, funded in whole or in part with state**
20 **funds, that are intended to assist low income families and individuals to attain economic**
21 **self-sufficiency.**

22 (3) **For each of the programs identified under subsection (2) of this section, the task force**
23 **shall:**

24 (a) **Examine the success of the program in:**

25 (A) **Providing relief to low income families and individuals in need; and**

26 (B) **Assisting low income families and individuals in becoming economically self-**
27 **sufficient.**

28 (b) **Determine how the need for services is defined and how the program is designed to**
29 **meet the need.**

30 (c) **Investigate and report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in ORS**

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 **192.245** an analysis of:

2 (A) The number of individuals who have participated in the program over time and the
 3 number of individuals who are participating in the program at the time of the task force's
 4 investigation;

5 (B) The length of time low income families and individuals participate in the program;

6 (C) How the program assists low income families and individuals in attaining economic
 7 self-sufficiency;

8 (D) The number of months that low income families and individuals participate in the
 9 program before becoming economically self-sufficient;

10 (E) The effectiveness of the program in achieving the goal of helping to promote eco-
 11 nomic self-sufficiency and assisting low income families and individuals in becoming eco-
 12 nomic self-sufficient; and

13 (F) Similar programs operating in neighboring states that have achieved better outcomes
 14 for the participants.

15 (d) Include in the report described in paragraph (c) of this subsection recommendations
 16 for legislation to improve the program's outcomes in assisting low income families and indi-
 17 viduals in meeting their basic needs and becoming self-sufficient.

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (10) The task force shall submit the report described in subsection (3) of this section to
 29 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services as appropriate
 30 no later than September 15, 2015.

31 (11) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

32 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly or
 33 employees of state agencies are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for
 34 actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their
 35 official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses
 36 incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to
 37 Department of Human Services for purposes of the task force.

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

42 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

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.

