

House Bill 3354

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans. Requires report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2016.

Sunsets on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to housing for veterans; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Innovative Housing Strategies for Veterans is estab-**
5 **lished, consisting of 11 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

10 (c) **The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall appoint three**
11 **members to represent the Housing and Community Services Department, at least two of**
12 **whom shall have expertise in housing options and programs for veterans.**

13 (d) **The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall appoint three members, at least one of whom**
14 **shall represent the Department of Veterans' Affairs and one shall represent veterans' advo-**
15 **cates.**

16 (e) **The Governor shall appoint three members, at least one of whom must have expertise**
17 **in lending for, and development of, housing for veterans and one of whom shall represent**
18 **housing advocates for veterans.**

19 (2) **The task force shall study and make findings regarding the following:**

20 (a) **Innovative housing strategies to provide housing for homeless and low income veter-**
21 **ans and veterans' families in this state, including but not limited to the following:**

22 (A) **Establishment of a housing purchasing authority to acquire housing for the purpose**
23 **of providing housing options for veterans; and**

24 (B) **Purchase by the state of vacant housing developments during times of recession or**
25 **other economic downturn for the purpose of providing housing options for veterans; and**

26 (b) **For each of the strategies under paragraph (a) of this subsection, a viable plan for**
27 **implementation, including designation of the state agency or entity that will be responsible**
28 **for administration of the strategy, identification of barriers and possible outcomes, the**
29 **amount and nature of available and required financial resources, standards for veteran el-**
30 **igibility and any other factor or consideration that is relevant to evaluating the feasibility**

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 and appropriateness of the strategy.

2 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
3 of business.

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

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

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

9 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
10 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

11 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

12 (9) The task force shall submit a report, which may include recommendations for legis-
13 lation, to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction
14 over housing and veterans' affairs no later than September 15, 2016.

15 (10) The Department of Veterans' Affairs and Housing and Community Services Depart-
16 ment shall jointly provide staff support to the task force.

17 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
18 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
19 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
20 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
21 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Veterans'
22 Affairs and Housing and Community Services Department for purposes of the task force.

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

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

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

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