

# House Bill 3405

Sponsored by Representative GORSEK

## SUMMARY

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Requires Governor to consult with Metro before appointing director to governing board of mass transit district in metropolitan statistical area with population exceeding 400,000.

Establishes nonlegislative task force to evaluate opportunities to improve mass transit services in Portland metropolitan area.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to governance of mass transit district; creating new provisions; amending ORS 267.097; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 267.097 is amended to read:

6 267.097. Before appointing a director to the board of a district situated in a metropolitan sta-  
7 tistical area with a population exceeding 400,000, the Governor shall:

8 (1) Solicit from each city and county located wholly or partly within the subdistrict for which  
9 the appointment will be made recommendations of qualified individuals for the position.

10 (2) **If a metropolitan service district is established under ORS chapter 268 and operating**  
11 **in any part of the territory of the mass transit district, make appointments, only after con-**  
12 **sultation with the metropolitan service district.**

13 **SECTION 2.** (1) **The Task Force on Portland Metropolitan Area Mass Transit is estab-**  
14 **lished, consisting of members appointed as follows:**

15 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

16 (A) **One member who is a user of mass transit services in the Portland metropolitan**  
17 **area.**

18 (B) **One member who is a stakeholder in the provision of mass transit services.**

19 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

20 (A) **One member who is a user of mass transit services in the Portland metropolitan**  
21 **area.**

22 (B) **One member who is a stakeholder in the provision of mass transit services.**

23 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

24 (A) **One member who is a user of mass transit services in the Portland metropolitan**  
25 **area.**

26 (B) **One member who is a stakeholder in the provision of mass transit services.**

27 (d) **The Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon shall appoint:**

28 (A) **One member who is a user of mass transit services in the Portland metropolitan**  
29 **area.**

30 (B) **One member who is a stakeholder in the provision of mass transit services.**

**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 (e) Metro shall appoint:

2 (A) One member who is a user of mass transit services in the Portland metropolitan  
3 area.

4 (B) Two members who are stakeholders in the provision of mass transit services.

5 (2) The task force shall evaluate opportunities to improve the mass transit services pro-  
6 vided in the Portland metropolitan area by the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation Dis-  
7 trict of Oregon.

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

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

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

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

15 (7) The task force shall meet, within the territorial boundaries of the Tri-County Metro-  
16 politan Transportation District of Oregon, at times and places specified by the call of the  
17 chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

19 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may  
20 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-  
21 bly related to transportation as appropriate no later than September 15, 2016.

22 (10) \_\_\_\_\_ shall provide staff support to the task force.

23 (11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed  
24 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of  
25 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-  
26 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to \_\_\_\_\_ for purposes of the task force.

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

31 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

32 **SECTION 4.** The amendments to ORS 267.097 by section 1 of this 2015 Act apply to the  
33 appointment of a director pursuant to ORS 267.097 on or after the effective date of this 2015  
34 Act.

35 **SECTION 5.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
36 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
37 on its passage.

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