

House Bill 3445

Sponsored by Representative WEIDNER; Representatives BUEHLER, HEARD

SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Nuclear Power. Directs task force to study and report on matters related to use of nuclear power.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nuclear energy; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Nuclear Power is established, consisting of nine**
5 **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 Governor shall appoint:**

11 (A) **One member who is a faculty member or employee of Oregon State University who**
12 **teaches or conducts research in the field that is related to the procurement of nuclear en-**
13 **ergy;**

14 (B) **One member who represents the Public Utility Commission;**

15 (C) **One member who represents investor-owned utilities located in this state;**

16 (D) **One member who represents consumer-owned utilities located in this state; and**

17 (E) **One member who represents businesses involved in the procurement of nuclear en-**
18 **ergy.**

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

20 (a) **Study and report on the methods used to procure nuclear energy, including methods**
21 **that have been developed since the closure of the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant;**

22 (b) **Analyze and report on a variety of available technologies used to procure nuclear**
23 **energy;**

24 (c) **Analyze and report on the costs and benefits of using nuclear energy to provide for**
25 **this state's energy needs; and**

26 (d) **Recommend a strategy for the contribution of nuclear power to the provision of**
27 **continued abundant, inexpensive and environmentally sound energy for this state.**

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

30 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**

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 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
9 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-
10 bly related to energy no later than September 1, 2016.

11 (10) The State Department of Energy and the Public Utility Commission shall provide
12 staff support to the task force.

13 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
14 entitled to compensation.

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

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

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

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