

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 3525**

Ordered by the House April 28  
Including House Amendments dated April 28

Sponsored by Representatives VEGA PEDERSON, GALLEGOS

**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.

*[Provides that person who obstructs reporting of unlicensed immigration consultant commits crime of obstructing governmental or judicial administration.]*

*[Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.]*

**Establishes Task Force on Immigration Consultant Fraud. Directs task force to report to committee or interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2015. Sunsets December 31, 2016.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to obstructing governmental administration; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Immigration Consultant Fraud is established, con-**  
5 **sisting of 12 members 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 Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee shall serve as a member**  
11 **of the task force.**

12 (d) **The Governor shall appoint the following members:**

13 (A) **A representative of the Oregon State Bar.**

14 (B) **An attorney who practices in the area of immigration.**

15 (C) **A representative of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.**

16 (D) **A representative of the Department of Justice.**

17 (E) **A representative of an organization of criminal defense attorneys in this state.**

18 (F) **A member representing prosecutors in this state.**

19 (G) **A representative of an organization that advocates for low-wage workers.**

20 (H) **A member representing law enforcement.**

21 (I) **A representative of an organization advocating for immigrants and refugees.**

22 (2) **The task force shall study the issue of violations of ORS 9.280 by immigration con-**  
23 **sultants and the practice of immigration consultants attempting to obstruct persons from**  
24 **reporting violations of ORS 9.280.**

25 (3) **A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**

**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 **transaction of business.**

2 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**  
3 **members of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

10 (9) **The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may**  
11 **include recommendations for legislation, to a committee or an interim committee of the**  
12 **Legislative Assembly related to immigration as appropriate no later than September 15, 2015.**

13 (10) **The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office shall provide staff support to the task**  
14 **force.**

15 (11) **Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
16 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**  
17 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**  
18 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**  
19 **of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Advocacy Commis-**  
20 **sions Office for purposes of the task force.**

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

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

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

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