

Senate Bill 131

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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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks. Directs task force to study issues relating to repair, reopening and operation of canal and locks. Requires task force to make quarterly reports to Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Willamette Falls navigation canal and locks; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks is established, consisting of 17 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

(A) One member from among members of the Senate; and

(B) One citizen member.

(b) The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.

(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:

(A) One member from among members of the House of Representatives; and

(B) One citizen member.

(d) The House Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.

(e) The Governor shall appoint:

(A) One member who is the Mayor of the City of West Linn or a member of the City of West Linn City Council, pursuant to the recommendation of the city council;

(B) One member who is the Mayor of Oregon City or a member of the Oregon City City Commission, pursuant to the recommendation of the city commission;

(C) One member who is the Chair or a member of the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to the recommendation of the board;

(D) One member who is the President or a member of the Metro Council, pursuant to the recommendation of the council;

(E) One member who is a representative of the Port of Portland;

(F) One member who is a business representative, pursuant to the recommendation of the Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners; and

(G) One member who is a representative of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, pursuant to a recommendation of the confederated tribes.

(f) The Director of Transportation shall appoint one member who is a representative of

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 the Department of Transportation.

2 (g) The State Parks and Recreation Director shall appoint one member who is a repre-
3 sentative of the State Parks and Recreation Department.

4 (h) The State Marine Board shall appoint one member who is a representative of the
5 board.

6 (i) The State Historic Preservation Officer shall appoint one member who is a represen-
7 tative of the State Historic Preservation Office.

8 (2) The task force shall:

9 (a) Compile information relating to the Willamette Falls navigation canal and locks, in-
10 cluding, but not limited to:

11 (A) The historical and cultural aspects of the canal and locks;

12 (B) Economic opportunities that could follow from reopening the canal and locks;

13 (C) The importance of the canal and locks for emergency planning; and

14 (D) Transportation on the canal and locks, including recreational and commercial uses.

15 (b) Consider means of facilitating the repair and reopening of the Willamette Falls navi-
16 gation canal and locks, including, but not limited to:

17 (A) Monitoring repairs by the United States Army Corps of Engineers;

18 (B) Making recommendations to the corps relating to the responsibilities of the corps
19 under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, including the Section 106 process, as-
20 sessment under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the corps' Dam Safety Action
21 Classification-I (DSAC-I) expedited investigation and other applicable studies;

22 (C) Requesting federal funding for the repair, reopening and operation of the canal and
23 locks; and

24 (D) Identifying other sources of funding for the repair, reopening and operation of the
25 canal and locks.

26 (c) Develop a plan for the sustainable operation of the canal and locks.

27 (d) Consider governance models for the lease or transfer of the canal and locks to a local,
28 regional, state or other entity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 (9) The task force shall submit a quarterly report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245,
40 and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
41 Assembly related to transportation no later than the fifteenth day of the month next fol-
42 lowing the end of each fiscal quarter.

43 (10) The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the task
44 force.

45 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not

1 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
2 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
3 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
4 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Department of
5 Transportation for purposes of the task force.

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

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2017.

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