

**SENATE MINORITY REPORT
AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 311**

By Nonconcurring Members of COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE

April 23

- 1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an emergency”.
- 2 Delete lines 4 through 29 and insert:
- 3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Supporting and Improving Foster Parenting in**
- 4 **Oregon is established, consisting of 16 members appointed as follows:**
- 5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
- 6 **Senate.**
- 7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
- 8 **members of the House of Representatives.**
- 9 **“(c) The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the**
- 10 **Senate.**
- 11 **“(d) The House Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the**
- 12 **House of Representatives.**
- 13 **“(e) The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:**
- 14 **“(A) Two members who are foster parents;**
- 15 **“(B) Two representatives from community child welfare organizations;**
- 16 **“(C) Two members, one of whom is a current foster youth and one of whom is a former**
- 17 **foster youth; and**
- 18 **“(D) One member who is an attorney who represents the interests of foster children.**
- 19 **“(f) The Director of Human Services shall appoint two members as follows:**
- 20 **“(A) One member who is employed as a manager in the Department of Human Services**
- 21 **and who trains department employees; and**
- 22 **“(B) One member who is a foster care ombudsman.**
- 23 **“(g) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint three members as follows:**
- 24 **“(A) One member who is a juvenile court judge;**
- 25 **“(B) One member who is a court appointed special advocate; and**
- 26 **“(C) One member representing the citizen review board state administrative office or**
- 27 **local citizen review boards.**
- 28 **“(2) The task force shall study and make recommendations on foster care program**
- 29 **quality and workforce issues related to the provision of foster care, including but not limited**
- 30 **to:**
- 31 **“(a) Qualifications of foster parents;**
- 32 **“(b) Strategies for recruiting more foster parents;**
- 33 **“(c) Services provided by foster parents;**
- 34 **“(d) Training and ongoing support for foster parents, including trauma care;**

1 (e) Improved screening of foster parents;
 2 (f) The legal relationship of foster parents with the Department of Human Services and
 3 other state agencies;
 4 (g) Compensation of foster parents;
 5 (h) Oversight of foster parents; and
 6 (i) Recommendations for placing foster youth with the foster parents that are the best
 7 match for the foster youth.
 8 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-
 9 action of business.
 10 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
 11 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 at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
 16 or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 17 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
 18 (9)(a) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for leg-
 19 islation, to the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter juris-
 20 diction of child welfare no later than February 15, 2016, regarding the progress of the task
 21 force.
 22 (b) The task force shall submit a final report, and may include recommendations for
 23 legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter ju-
 24 risdiction of child welfare no later than October 15, 2016, regarding the findings and recom-
 25 mendations of the task force.
 26 (10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.
 27 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
 28 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses the members incur in per-
 29 forming the members' official duties. Members of the task force who are members of the
 30 Legislative Assembly shall receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses as pro-
 31 vided in ORS 171.072.
 32 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
 33 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
 34 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
 35 consider necessary to perform their duties.
 36 (SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.
 37 (SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
 39 on its passage.".

40 /s/ Tim Knopp
 41 Senator

42 /s/ Kim Thatcher
 43 Senator