

# Senate Bill 362

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## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Mining. Directs task force to study matters related to mining.  
Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2017 regular session of Legislative Assembly.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to mining; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Mining is established, consisting of 10 members ap-**  
5 **pointed by the Governor as follows:**

6 (a) **Three members who live in communities located near mining operations.**

7 (b) **Two members who represent the mining industry.**

8 (c) **One member who represents a regional air quality control authority established under**  
9 **the provisions of ORS 468A.105.**

10 (d) **One member who is a building official as defined in ORS 455.715.**

11 (e) **One member who represents the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.**

12 (f) **One member who represents the Department of Environmental Quality.**

13 (g) **One member who represents the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

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

15 (a) **Review the impact of mining operations on communities located near mining oper-**  
16 **ations;**

17 (b) **Review issues related to mining operations in relationship to communities located**  
18 **near mining operations, including noise, pollution and the use of roads;**

19 (c) **Study processes by which individuals living in communities located near mining op-**  
20 **erations may address problems related to mining operations; and**

21 (d) **Review statutory requirements related to mining operations, including inspections of**  
22 **mining operations, conditions on operating permits and the failure to comply with operating**  
23 **permits.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

4       (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and shall  
5 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-  
6 bly related to the environment and natural resources no later than September 1, 2016.

7       (10) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries shall provide staff support  
8 for the task force.

9       (11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed  
10 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of  
11 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-  
12 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the State Department of Geology and Min-  
13 eral Industries for purposes of the task force.

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

18       SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2017  
19 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

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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