

# Senate Bill 617

Sponsored by Senator GELSER

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities.  
Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016.  
Sunsets December 31, 2016.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to persons with developmental disabilities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Housing for Persons with Intellectual or Develop-**  
5 **mental Disabilities is established, consisting of seven members appointed 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 Governor shall appoint five members as follows:**

11 (A) **One member to represent health care providers.**

12 (B) **One member to represent housing professionals.**

13 (C) **One member to represent advocates for persons with intellectual or developmental**  
14 **disabilities.**

15 (D) **One member to represent recipients of community housing services.**

16 (E) **One member to represent family members of persons with intellectual or develop-**  
17 **mental disabilities.**

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

19 (a) **Develop a plan and make recommendations for the use of moneys, including interest**  
20 **and income, in the Community Housing Trust Account established under ORS 427.340 to best**  
21 **meet the current and future demands for community housing for persons with intellectual**  
22 **or developmental disabilities.**

23 (b) **Develop a strategic plan and vision for community housing for persons with intellec-**  
24 **tual or developmental disabilities that encompass community integration and self-**  
25 **determination opportunities.**

26 (c) **Examine and recommend innovative methods to support persons with intellectual or**  
27 **developmental disabilities with community housing assistance and opportunities.**

28 (d) **Examine the ownership of existing community housing stock and options to modern-**  
29 **ize from the group home model.**

30 (e) **Determine methods to create partnerships with housing advocates, housing authori-**

**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 ties and providers, including subsidized housing specialists, that do not specifically work with  
2 persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may  
14 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-  
15 bly related to housing and persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities no later  
16 than September 15, 2016.

17 (10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

18 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
19 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
20 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
21 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
22 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Department of Human Services  
23 for purposes of the task force.

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

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

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