

Senate Bill 826

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representative BARTON; Representatives DOHERTY, EVANS, WITT

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**.

Creates task force to study potential for merging two or more agencies or agency divisions that regulate construction contracting, building trades, building codes or other matters impacting construction industry.

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 the construction industry; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Consolidating Construction Industry Regulation is**
5 **established, consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint three members who are knowledgeable**
7 **about practices and procedures regarding construction contracting, building trades, building**
8 **codes or other matters impacting the construction industry.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members who are**
10 **knowledgeable about practices and procedures regarding construction contracting, building**
11 **trades, building codes or other matters impacting the construction industry.**

12 (c) **The Governor shall appoint three members who are knowledgeable about practices**
13 **and procedures regarding construction contracting, building trades, building codes or other**
14 **matters impacting the construction industry.**

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

16 (a) **Identify agencies and agency divisions that regulate construction contracting, building**
17 **trades, building codes or other matters impacting the construction industry;**

18 (b) **Study potential benefits and problems that might result from merging two or more**
19 **agencies or divisions described in paragraph (a) of this subsection into a single entity; and**

20 (c) **Identify possible means for increasing or improving benefits, or eliminating or re-**
21 **ducing problems, that might result from merging two or more agencies or divisions described**
22 **in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

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

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

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

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

30 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**

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 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

3 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may
4 include recommendations for legislation, to an appropriate interim committee of the Legis-
5 lative Assembly related to business or trades no later than September 15, 2016.

6 (10) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall provide staff support to
7 the task force.

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

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

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

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

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