

# Senate Bill 890

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## SUMMARY

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Establishes Two Generational Approach to Success Task Force. Specifies membership and duties.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to economic well-being; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas the federal poverty guidelines, used almost universally, have many shortcomings but  
4 remain in use because the guidelines enable comparisons across the country; and

5 Whereas the federal poverty guidelines are antiquated in terms of defining the amount of money  
6 families need for a decent life and measure only cash income; and

7 Whereas leading a prosperous life is not just being able to have enough money to meet basic  
8 needs but is also about access to human opportunities and choices that address poverty, hunger,  
9 lack of basic human services, poor health, social discrimination and exclusion, lack of a voice in  
10 decision-making, lack of human rights and a sense of dignity; now, therefore,

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

12 **SECTION 1. (1) The Two Generational Approach to Success Task Force is established,**  
13 **consisting of 16 members appointed as follows:**

14 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
15 **Senate, including one member from the Democratic party and one member from the Repub-**  
16 **lican party.**

17 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
18 **members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the Democratic party**  
19 **and one member from the Republican party.**

20 (c) **The Governor shall appoint seven members collectively representing nonprofit or-**  
21 **ganizations, the business community and local governments and representing the ethnic and**  
22 **geographic diversity of this state.**

23 (d) **The director of each of the following agencies shall appoint a member to represent**  
24 **the director's agency:**

25 (A) **Department of Human Services;**

26 (B) **Housing and Community Services Department;**

27 (C) **Oregon Health Authority; and**

28 (D) **Oregon Business Development Department.**

29 (e) **The Chief Education Officer shall appoint one member to represent the Oregon Edu-**  
30 **cation Investment Board.**

**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       **(2) The task force shall develop a measurement of prosperity that recognizes the assets**  
2 **and the deficits associated with the poverty experienced by people of color, working class**  
3 **people, immigrants, intergenerational families and other groups or individuals. The meas-**  
4 **urement must provide a way to evaluate the success of this state in meeting its goals to**  
5 **reduce poverty and increase prosperity.**

6       **(3) The task force shall:**

7       **(a) Solicit public input on the issues of poverty and prosperity, including input on the**  
8 **following questions:**

9       **(A) What are basic needs and what is prosperity?**

10       **(B) What are the benefits to all sectors of society from reducing poverty and increasing**  
11 **prosperity?**

12       **(C) What is the cost to individuals, communities and the state economy from failing to**  
13 **reduce poverty?**

14       **(D) What values underlie our shared understanding and expected outcomes concerning**  
15 **poverty and prosperity?**

16       **(b) Research poverty or prosperity measures adopted in other states and how those**  
17 **measures have been used by the states to make policy decisions and adopt initiatives and**  
18 **budgets that affect all sectors of the state.**

19       **(c) Propose definitions and measures of poverty and prosperity and recommend how the**  
20 **definitions and measures should be used in policymaking and budget-writing in this state,**  
21 **with attention to the impact on specific ethnic populations and people living in specific ge-**  
22 **ographic areas that are highly impacted by poverty.**

23       **(d) Identify any waivers of federal statutes that are necessary to use the new definitions**  
24 **and measures effectively in federally funded programs.**

25       **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
26 **of business.**

27       **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
28 **of the task force.**

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

30       **(7)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, if there is a vacancy for any**  
31 **cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

32       **(b) If there is a vacancy in the appointment made by the Chief Education Officer of the**  
33 **Oregon Education Investment Board and the vacancy occurs on or after the date that sec-**  
34 **tion 2, chapter 519, Oregon Laws 2011, is repealed by section 10, chapter 519, Oregon Laws**  
35 **2011, the chairperson of the State Board of Education shall make an appointment to become**  
36 **immediately effective.**

37       **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
38 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

39       **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

40       **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
41 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the Senate interim committee related to**  
42 **human services no later than September 15, 2016.**

43       **(11) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the**  
44 **task force.**

45       **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly or a**

1 state agency are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and neces-  
2 sary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties  
3 in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in  
4 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon  
5 Department of Administrative Services for purposes of the task force.

6 (13) 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, 2016.

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.

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