

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 311**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and declaring an  
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 29 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Supporting and Improving**  
5 **Foster Parenting in Oregon is established, consisting of 14 members**  
6 **appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from**  
8 **among members of the Senate.**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**  
10 **member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

11 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:**

12 **“(A) Two members who are foster parents;**

13 **“(B) Two representatives from community child welfare organiza-**  
14 **tions;**

15 **“(C) Two members, one of whom is a current foster youth and one**  
16 **of whom is a former foster youth; and**

17 **“(D) One member who is an attorney who represents the interests**  
18 **of foster children.**

19 **“(d) The Director of Human Services shall appoint two members as**  
20 **follows:**

21 **“(A) One member who is employed as a manager in the Department**  
22 **of Human Services and who trains department employees; and**

1       **“(B) One member who is a foster care ombudsman.**

2       **“(e) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint three**  
3 **members as follows:**

4       **“(A) One member who is a juvenile court judge;**  
5       **“(B) One member who is a court appointed special advocate; and**  
6       **“(C) One member representing the citizen review board state ad-**  
7 **ministrative office or local citizen review boards.**

8       **“(2) The task force shall study and make recommendations on fos-**  
9 **ter care program quality and workforce issues related to the provision**  
10 **of foster care including but not limited to:**

11       **“(a) Qualifications of foster parents;**  
12       **“(b) Strategies for recruiting more foster parents;**  
13       **“(c) Services provided by foster parents;**  
14       **“(d) Training and ongoing support for foster parents, including**  
15 **trauma care;**

16       **“(e) Improved screening of foster parents;**  
17       **“(f) The legal relationship of foster parents with the Department**  
18 **of Human Services and other state agencies;**

19       **“(g) Compensation of foster parents;**  
20       **“(h) Models for foster parents to more effectively organize to ad-**  
21 **vocate for improved standards and compensation;**

22       **“(i) Oversight of foster parents; and**  
23       **“(j) Recommendations for placing foster youth with the foster par-**  
24 **ents that are the best match for the foster youth.**

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

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

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

1       **“(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**  
2 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

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

6       **“(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**  
7 **the task force.**

8       **“(9)(a) The task force shall submit a report, and may include rec-**  
9 **ommendations for legislation, to the standing committees of the Leg-**  
10 **islative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction of child welfare no**  
11 **later than February 15, 2016, regarding the progress of the task force.**

12       **“(b) The task force shall submit a final report, and may include**  
13 **recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the**  
14 **Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction of child welfare**  
15 **no later than October 15, 2016, regarding the findings and recommen-**  
16 **dations of the task force.**

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

19       **“(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-**  
20 **islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement**  
21 **for expenses the members incur in performing the members’ official**  
22 **duties. Members of the task force who are members of the Legislative**  
23 **Assembly shall receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses**  
24 **as provided in ORS 171.072.**

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

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

1 2016.

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

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