

**PROPOSED MINORITY REPORT 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 16 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 Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member from**
12 **among members of the Senate.**

13 **“(d) The House Minority Leader shall appoint one member from**
14 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

15 **“(e) The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:**

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

17 **“(B) Two representatives from community child welfare organiza-**
18 **tions;**

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

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

1 **“(f) The Director of Human Services shall appoint two members as**
2 **follows:**

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

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

6 **“(g) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint three**
7 **members as follows:**

8 **“(A) One member who is a juvenile court judge;**

9 **“(B) One member who is a court appointed special advocate; and**

10 **“(C) One member representing the citizen review board state ad-**
11 **ministrative office or local citizen review boards.**

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

15 **“(a) Qualifications of foster parents;**

16 **“(b) Strategies for recruiting more foster parents;**

17 **“(c) Services provided by foster parents;**

18 **“(d) Training and ongoing support for foster parents, including**
19 **trauma care;**

20 **“(e) Improved screening of foster parents;**

21 **“(f) The legal relationship of foster parents with the Department**
22 **of Human Services and other state agencies;**

23 **“(g) Compensation of foster parents;**

24 **“(h) Oversight of foster parents; and**

25 **“(i) Recommendations for placing foster youth with the foster par-**
26 **ents that are the best match for the foster youth.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

2 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,**
3 **2016.**

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

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