

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4144

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “credits” delete the rest of the line and line 3 and
2 insert “; and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 20 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Utilization of the Earned Income Tax Credit is es-**
5 **tablished.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

8 **“(A) One member from among members of the Senate.**

9 **“(B) Two members who represent nonprofit organizations that serve low-income families.**

10 **At least one member of the task force shall represent an organization that serves primarily**
11 **individuals living in rural communities.**

12 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

13 **“(A) One member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

14 **“(B) Two members who represent nonprofit organizations that serve low-income families.**

15 **At least one member of the task force shall represent an organization that serves primarily**
16 **individuals living in rural communities.**

17 **“(c) The Director of Human Services shall appoint two representatives from the Depart-**
18 **ment of Human Services.**

19 **“(d) The Governor shall appoint one representative from each of the following:**

20 **“(A) The Governor’s office.**

21 **“(B) The Oregon Health Authority.**

22 **“(C) The Department of Revenue.**

23 **“(D) The Housing and Community Services Department.**

24 **“(E) The Department of Education.**

25 **“(F) The Employment Department.**

26 **“(G) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services.**

27 **“(H) The Oregon Business Development Department.**

28 **“(I) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs.**

29 **“(3) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleas-**
30 **ure of the appointing authority. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the ap-**
31 **pointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A**
32 **member is eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing**
33 **authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired**
34 **term.**

35 **“(4) The task force shall study:**

1 “(a) The rates of utilization, by Oregon personal income taxpayers of the federal earned
2 income tax credits allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code and the credit al-
3 lowed under ORS 315.262, 315.264, 315.266 and 316.078; and

4 “(b) Potential methods for increasing rates of utilization of the tax credits listed in par-
5 agraph (a) of this subsection.

6 “(5) The task force may make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for legis-
7 lation to promote outreach efforts regarding availability of and increase utilization of the
8 earned income tax credits and dependent care tax credits.

9 “(6) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
10 transaction of business.

11 “(7) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
12 members of the task force.

13 “(8) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

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

16 “(10) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair-
17 person or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

18 “(11) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

19 “(12) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
20 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
21 Assembly related to human services no later than September 15 of each year.

22 “(13) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

23 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
24 not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and
25 other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner
26 and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing func-
27 tions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Department of Human
28 Services for purposes of the task force.

29 “(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
30 the task force in the performance of the task force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by
31 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
32 force consider necessary to perform their duties.”.

33 On page 2, delete lines 4 and 5 and insert:

34 “(2) The department shall expand the availability of sites, staffed by”.

35 Delete lines 9 through 25 and insert:

36 “**SECTION 3.** This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.”.