

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 4144**

1 On page 1 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 2, after the semicolon de-
2 lete the rest of the line and insert “and prescribing an effective date.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 19 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Utilization of the Earned In-
5 come Tax Credit is established.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 18 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
10 low-income families. At least one member of the task force shall rep-
11 resent an organization that serves primarily individuals living in rural
12 communities.**

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

14 **“(A) One member from among members of the House of Represen-
15 tatives.**

16 **“(B) Two members who represent nonprofit organizations that serve
17 low-income families. At least one member of the task force shall rep-
18 resent an organization that serves primarily individuals living in rural
19 communities.**

20 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint two representatives from the De-
21 partment of Human Services, and one representative from each of the**

1 **following:**

2 **“(A) The Governor’s office.**

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

4 **“(C) The Department of Revenue.**

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

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

7 **“(F) The Employment Department.**

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

9 **“(H) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs.**

10 **“(d) The Governor shall appoint two representatives from entities**
11 **that possess expertise in assisting taxpayers with the filing of tax re-**
12 **turns, including filing by electronic means. One representative shall**
13 **be from a commercial tax preparation service and one shall be from**
14 **a nonprofit entity that provides tax preparation assistance to taxpay-**
15 **ers.**

16 **“(3) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member**
17 **serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Before the expira-**
18 **tion of the term of a member, the appointing authority shall appoint**
19 **a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is**
20 **eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the**
21 **appointing authority shall make an appointment to become imme-**
22 **diately effective for the unexpired term.**

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

24 **“(a) The rates of legal utilization, by Oregon personal income tax-**
25 **payers, of the federal earned income tax credits allowed under section**
26 **32 of the Internal Revenue Code and the credits allowed under ORS**
27 **315.264 and 315.266; and**

28 **“(b) Potential methods for increasing rates of utilization of the tax**
29 **credits listed in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

30 **“(5) The task force may make recommendations to the Legislative**

1 **Assembly for legislation to promote outreach efforts regarding the**
2 **availability of and increased utilization of the earned income tax**
3 **credits and dependent care tax credits.**

4 **“(6) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
5 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

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

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

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

12 **“(10) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
13 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**
14 **task force.**

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

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

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

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

28 **“SECTION 2. The Department of Revenue shall promote taxpayer**
29 **awareness of the availability of taxpayer assistance, including the fol-**
30 **lowing:**

