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SUMMARY

Creates Task Force on Water Infrastructure Investment. Specifies duties of task force. Requires task force to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2018.

Sunsetts task force December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to water infrastructure investment; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Water Infrastructure Invest-**
5 **ment is established.**

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

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

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

9 **(B) One voting member who has education, experience or other**
10 **expertise relevant to investments, water diversion or delivery**
11 **infrastructure or local or special government operation of water**
12 **infrastructure.**

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

14 **(A) One nonvoting member from among members of the House of**
15 **Representatives.**

16 **(B) One voting member who has education, experience or other**
17 **expertise relevant to investments, water diversion or delivery**
18 **infrastructure or local or special government operation of water**
19 **infrastructure.**

1 **(c) The Governor shall appoint three voting members who have**
2 **education, experience or other expertise relevant to investments, wa-**
3 **ter diversion or delivery infrastructure or local or special government**
4 **operation of water infrastructure.**

5 **(3) The task force shall identify efficient and practical authori-**
6 **zations, mechanisms and safeguards favorable for promoting private**
7 **investment in water diversion and delivery infrastructure owned or**
8 **operated, or anticipated to be owned or operated, by an irrigation dis-**
9 **trict, drainage district, water improvement district or water control**
10 **district or other public body as defined in ORS 174.109.**

11 **(4) The task force may take all lawful actions the task force deems**
12 **reasonable for carrying out the work of the task force.**

13 **(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
14 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

15 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-**
16 **jority of the voting members of the task force.**

17 **(7) The task force shall elect one of its voting members to serve as**
18 **chairperson.**

19 **(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
20 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

21 **(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
22 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**
23 **task force.**

24 **(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
25 **the task force.**

26 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
27 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
28 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to economic**
29 **development no later than September 15, 2018.**

30 **(12) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support**
31 **to the task force.**

1 **(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-**
2 **lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement**
3 **for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

4 **(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are**
5 **directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task force's**
6 **duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality,**
7 **to furnish information and advice the members of the task force con-**
8 **sider necessary to perform their duties.**

9 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,**
10 **2018.**

11 **SECTION 3.** **This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
12 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
13 **clared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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