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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on Business Taxation for purpose of studying alternative methods of taxing Oregon businesses.
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to business taxation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Business Taxation is established, consisting of eight members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from among members of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members from among members of the House of Representatives.

(2) The task force shall:

(a) Study possible alternative methods of taxing businesses in Oregon; and

(b) Analyze the tax bases currently used in Oregon and in other states.

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

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

(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as 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) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner
9 provided in ORS 171.130 for interim committees. All legislation re-
10 commended by official action of the task force must indicate that it
11 is introduced at the request of the task force.

12 (10) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the
13 manner provided in ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its
14 final meeting or at a time the President and Speaker designate.

15 (11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ per-
16 sons necessary for the performance of the functions of the task force.
17 The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall fix the duties and
18 amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall use
19 the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing addi-
20 tional persons, to the greatest extent practicable.

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

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,
27 2018.

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