

House Bill 2513

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Improving Legislative Arguments in Support of Referred Measures to determine methods to improve process for preparing arguments in support of measures referred to electors by Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to measures referred by the Legislative Assembly; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Improving Legislative Arguments in Support of Re-**
5 **ferred Measures is established.**

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

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members from among members of the**
8 **Senate.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from**
10 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

11 **(3) The task force shall determine methods to improve the process set forth in ORS**
12 **251.245 for preparing arguments in support of measures referred to the electors by the Leg-**
13 **islative Assembly.**

14 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
15 **of business.**

16 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
17 **of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

24 **(10) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**
25 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**
26 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

27 **(11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**
28 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and**
29 **Speaker designate.**

30 **(12) The Legislative Administrator may employ persons necessary for the performance**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Administrator shall fix the duties and
2 amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall use the services of con-
3 tinuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the greatest extent practi-
4 cable.

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

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

10 SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
12 on its passage.
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