

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2965**

Ordered by the House April 19  
Including House Amendments dated April 19

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**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.

Establishes Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities.  
Sunsets December 31, 2020.  
*[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]*

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to workforce development for people with disabilities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Workforce Development for People with Disabilities**  
5 **is established, consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among the members of**  
9 **the Senate.**

10 (c) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
11 **members of the House of Representatives.**

12 (d) **The House Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
13 **House of Representatives.**

14 (e) **The Director of Human Services shall appoint five members, including one represen-**  
15 **tative from the Oregon Resource Association, with demonstrated experience in workforce**  
16 **development for people with disabilities.**

17 **(2) The task force shall:**

18 (a) **Review the report issued by the Council of State Governments and National Confer-**  
19 **ence of State Legislatures entitled "Work Matters: A Framework for States on Workforce**  
20 **Development for People with Disabilities";**

21 (b) **Evaluate Oregon's programs related to employing people with disabilities for ade-**  
22 **quacy, outcomes and overall financial effectiveness;**

23 (c) **Report findings and make recommendations to the Senate Committee on Workforce**  
24 **and the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development; and**

25 (d) **Meet as soon as practicable after the effective date of this 2017 Act to work on leg-**  
26 **islative concepts for the 2018 and 2019 regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly.**

27 **(3) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**  
28 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14       **(11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**  
15 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at such later time as the**  
16 **President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate.**

17       **(12) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.**

18       **(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
19 **entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**  
20 **force.**

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

25       **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.**

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