

# House Bill 3053

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## SUMMARY

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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. Sunsets 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 Investment is established.**

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

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

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

8 **(B) One voting member who has education, experience or other expertise relevant to in-**  
9 **vestments, water diversion or delivery infrastructure or local or special government opera-**  
10 **tion of water infrastructure.**

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

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

13 **(B) One voting member who has education, experience or other expertise relevant to in-**  
14 **vestments, water diversion or delivery infrastructure or local or special government opera-**  
15 **tion of water infrastructure.**

16 **(c) The Governor shall appoint three voting members who have education, experience or**  
17 **other expertise relevant to investments, water diversion or delivery infrastructure or local**  
18 **or special government operation of water infrastructure.**

19 **(3) The task force shall identify efficient and practical authorizations, mechanisms and**  
20 **safeguards favorable for promoting private investment in water diversion and delivery**  
21 **infrastructure owned or operated, or anticipated to be owned or operated, by an irrigation**  
22 **district, drainage district, water improvement district or water control district or other**  
23 **public body as defined in ORS 174.109.**

24 **(4) The task force may take all lawful actions the task force deems reasonable for car-**  
25 **rying out the work of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
11 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
12 force.

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

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

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

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