

House Bill 3144

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

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 Trade Practices. Requires task force to study methods for educating businesses and consumers in best practices in complying with Unlawful Trade Practices Act in this state.

Sunset on December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to trade; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Trade Practices is established.**

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

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

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

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint three members as follows:**

11 **(A) One member from the Department of Justice;**

12 **(B) One member who represents businesses in Oregon; and**

13 **(C) One member who represents consumers in Oregon.**

14 **(3) The task force shall study methods for educating businesses and consumers in best**
15 **practices for complying with ORS 336.184 and 646.605 to 646.652 in this state.**

16 **(4) The task force may consult experts, hear testimony and conduct research that is**
17 **necessary to enable the task force to carry out the purposes set forth in subsection (3) of**
18 **this section.**

19 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
20 **of business.**

21 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
22 **of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

29 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
30 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**

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 **Assembly related to trade no later than September 15, 2018.**

2 (12) **The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide staff support to the**
3 **task force.**

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

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

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

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