## Senate Bill 531

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN (at the request of Toledo Rural Fire Protection District) (Presession 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.** 

Creates Task Force on Rural Fire Protection District Community Development to study and develop recommendations for developing, enhancing or expanding ability of rural fire protection districts to facilitate community development following natural disaster.

Requires task force to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018.

Sunsets task force December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to community development; and declaring an emergency.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
  - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on Rural Fire Protection District Community Development is established.
    - (2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:
    - (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:
  - (A) One member from among members of the Senate as a nonvoting member of the task force; and
    - (B) Two members who are not legislators, one having expertise in matters related to rural fire protection districts and one having expertise related to community development following a natural disaster.
      - (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
  - (A) One member from among members of the House of Representatives as a nonvoting member of the task force: and
  - (B) Two members who are not legislators, one having expertise in matters related to rural fire protection districts and one having expertise related to community development following a natural disaster.
  - (c) The Governor shall appoint five members with expertise the Governor deems relevant to the work of the task force.
  - (3) The task force shall study and develop recommendations regarding ways to develop, enhance or expand the ability of rural fire protection districts to use district assets to facilitate community development efforts following natural disaster.
  - (4) The task force may take any lawful actions the task force deems necessary or proper to enable the task force to complete its work.
  - (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
    - (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting

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1 members of the task force.

- (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
- (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
  - (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to local government no later than September 15, 2018.
  - (12) The Oregon Military Department shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (13) Public members of the task force shall be volunteers serving without per diem or compensation of costs or expenses.
- (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

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