

Senate Bill 843

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

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 Business Taxation for purpose of studying alternative methods of taxing Oregon businesses.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to business taxation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Business Taxation is established, consisting of eight**
5 **members appointed as follows:**

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

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

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

11 (a) **Study possible alternative methods of taxing businesses in Oregon; and**

12 (b) **Analyze the tax bases currently used in Oregon and in other states.**

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

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

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

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

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

22 (8) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

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

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

29 (11) **The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the**
30 **performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director**

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 shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall
2 use the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the
3 greatest extent practicable.

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

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

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

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