

House Bill 2256

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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 Oregon Housing Crisis Task Force. Requires task force to develop recommendations addressing housing affordability. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

Sunsetts task force on December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to housing affordability; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Housing Crisis Task Force is established.**

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

5 **(a) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department, or a designee of**
6 **the director, shall serve as the chair of the task force.**

7 **(b) The director shall appoint five additional members, who must meet the following**
8 **qualifications:**

9 **(A) One member must represent an Oregon county's planning or land use department;**

10 **(B) One member must represent the interests of the residential real estate development**
11 **community;**

12 **(C) One member must represent the interests of the residential real estate financing**
13 **community;**

14 **(D) One member must represent the interests of nonprofit organizations dedicated to**
15 **increasing housing affordability; and**

16 **(E) One member must represent the interests of residential property managers or land-**
17 **lords.**

18 **(c) The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, or a designee**
19 **of the director, shall serve as a member of the task force.**

20 **(3) The task force shall develop recommendations for addressing housing affordability.**
21 **The task force shall investigate topics including land use regulations, real estate financing**
22 **regulations, landlord-tenant laws, building codes and state, local and federal government**
23 **spending on affordable housing programs.**

24 **(4) The task force may, in carrying out its duties, consult with any advisors or other**
25 **persons as the task force deems necessary or advisable.**

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

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

2 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Director of the Housing and Community
3 Services Development shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

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

7 (10) The task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including
8 recommendations for legislation, to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS
9 192.245 no later than September 15, 2020.

10 (11) The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide staff support to the
11 task force.

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

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

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

19 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
20 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
21 on its passage.

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