

House Bill 2535

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session 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 Disaster Response and Recovery. Directs task force to study and recommend legislation to develop program of upgrades to critical facilities and infrastructure with goal of increasing disaster resiliency.

Sunset December 31, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to disaster resiliency; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 31 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate, one of whom must be the chair of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency**
8 **Preparedness.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives, one of whom must be the chair of the House**
11 **Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness.**

12 **(c) The Governor shall appoint as members one representative from each of:**

13 **(A) The Oregon Military Department;**

14 **(B) The Department of Corrections;**

15 **(C) The Department of Environmental Quality;**

16 **(D) The Department of Human Services;**

17 **(E) The Department of Justice;**

18 **(F) The Department of Land Conservation and Development;**

19 **(G) The Department of State Police;**

20 **(H) The Department of Transportation;**

21 **(I) The office of the State Resilience Officer;**

22 **(J) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services;**

23 **(K) The Oregon Department of Aviation;**

24 **(L) The Oregon Health Authority;**

25 **(M) The Public Utility Commission of Oregon;**

26 **(N) The State Department of Agriculture;**

27 **(O) The State Department of Energy;**

28 **(P) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;**

29 **(Q) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**

30 **(R) The State Fire Marshal;**

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 (S) The State Forestry Department;
- 2 (T) The State Marine Board;
- 3 (U) The State Parks and Recreation Department;
- 4 (V) The State Treasurer; and
- 5 (W) The Water Resources Department.

6 (d) The Governor shall appoint three members as follows:

- 7 (A) One member representing local governments in this state;
- 8 (B) One member representing special districts in this state; and
- 9 (C) One member of the public who has experience or interest in disaster response and
- 10 recovery.

11 (e) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one member representing the

12 Judicial Department.

13 (3)(a) The task force shall study and prepare recommendations for the development of a

14 sustainable program of upgrades to critical facilities and infrastructure in this state, in-

15 cluding both agency-specific and multiagency priorities, with the goal of increasing the dis-

16 aster resiliency of this state with respect to both natural and human-caused disasters.

17 (b) The task force shall recommend strategies for developing:

18 (A) A prioritized list of facility or infrastructure upgrades that will facilitate large-scale

19 emergency response, recovery and restoration efforts;

20 (B) A scalable, standardized plan of construction requirements;

21 (C) A plan for energy self-sufficiency in the event of disaster; and

22 (D) A list of spaces that may be used for temporary staging of response equipment and

23 personnel or placement of displaced persons in the event of disaster.

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

29 of the task force.

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

31 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-

32 ment to become immediately effective.

33 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson

34 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

36 (11) The task force shall submit a report on its findings, including recommendations for

37 legislation, to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than

38 December 1, 2020.

39 (12) The Office of Emergency Management shall provide staff support to the task force.

40 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not

41 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task

42 force.

43 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist

44 the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by

45 laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task

1 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

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

3 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019**
4 **regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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