

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2735

Ordered by the House April 9
Including House Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

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.

Establishes [*Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness*] **Task Force on Disaster Response and Recovery**. Directs task force, inter alia, to identify locations suitable for emergency preparedness, response and recovery needs, **identify projects to prepare Redmond Municipal Airport and Oregon International Port of Coos Bay for use in emergency**, and identify other projects to increase emergency resilience of this state. Requires report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

Sunsets on December 31, 2020.

[*Declares emergency, effective on passage.*]

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to emergency resilience; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

(2) The task force consists of 35 members appointed as follows:

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

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

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

(A) The Oregon Military Department;

(B) The Office of Emergency Management;

(C) The Department of Corrections;

(D) The Department of Environmental Quality;

(E) The Department of Human Services;

(F) The Department of Justice;

(G) The Department of Land Conservation and Development;

(H) The Department of State Police;

(I) The Department of Transportation;

(J) The office of the State Resilience Officer;

(K) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services;

(L) The Oregon Department of Aviation;

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 **(M) The Oregon Health Authority;**
2 **(N) The Public Utility Commission of Oregon;**
3 **(O) The State Department of Agriculture;**
4 **(P) The State Department of Energy;**
5 **(Q) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;**
6 **(R) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**
7 **(S) The office of the State Fire Marshal;**
8 **(T) The State Forestry Department;**
9 **(U) The State Marine Board;**
10 **(V) The State Parks and Recreation Department;**
11 **(W) The office of the State Treasurer;**
12 **(X) The Travel Information Council; and**
13 **(Y) The Water Resources Department.**
14 **(d) The Governor shall appoint five members as follows:**
15 **(A) One member representing counties in this state;**
16 **(B) One member representing cities in this state;**
17 **(C) One member representing special districts in this state;**
18 **(D) One member representing the American Red Cross or a similar organization; and**
19 **(E) One member of the public who has experience or interest in disaster response and**
20 **recovery.**
21 **(e) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one member representing the**
22 **Judicial Department.**
23 **(3) The task force shall:**
24 **(a) Identify locations that are suitable or may be made suitable for emergency**
25 **preparedness, response and recovery needs, including:**
26 **(A) Rally points or gathering points for individuals displaced in an emergency;**
27 **(B) Spaces for staging emergency response equipment or personnel; and**
28 **(C) Recovery spaces for medium-term care, housing and support for individuals during**
29 **an emergency;**
30 **(b) Identify projects that are necessary or advisable to prepare spaces identified under**
31 **paragraph (a) of this subsection for use for emergency purposes;**
32 **(c) Identify projects that are necessary or advisable to prepare Redmond Municipal Air-**
33 **port and the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay for use as primary transportation points**
34 **in an emergency, including use for:**
35 **(A) Receiving assistance from the federal government or other state governments; and**
36 **(B) Transporting personnel and equipment within and without this state;**
37 **(d) Identify other projects that are necessary or advisable to increase the emergency**
38 **resilience of this state; and**
39 **(e) Assign priorities to and determine funding requirements for projects identified under**
40 **paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this subsection.**
41 **(4) The task force may, in carrying out its duties, consult with any advisors or other**
42 **persons as the task force deems necessary or advisable.**
43 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
44 **of business.**
45 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**

1 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (11) The task force shall submit a report on its findings, which may include recommen-
9 dations for legislation, to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245
10 no later than September 15, 2020.

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

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

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

19 (15) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Emergency" has the meaning given that term in ORS 401.025.

21 (b) "Project" includes, without limitation, infrastructure upgrades, construction or ac-
22 quisition of real property, acquisition of equipment or other personal property, hiring,
23 training or assignment of personnel and organizational or budgetary modifications.

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

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

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