Establishes Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness. Directs task force, inter alia, to identify locations suitable for emergency preparedness, response and recovery needs and identify 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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to emergency resilience; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Open Spaces Task Force on Emergency Preparedness is established, consisting of 11 voting members and four nonvoting members as follows:
(a) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness is a voting, ex officio member.
(b) The chairperson of the House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness is a voting, ex officio member.
(c) The Governor shall appoint nine members of the public at large as voting members.
(d) The Governor shall appoint an individual with expertise in public safety policy as a nonvoting member.
(e) The State Resilience Officer, Director of the Office of Emergency Management and the Adjutant General are nonvoting, ex officio members.
(2) The task force shall:
(a) Identify locations that are suitable or may be made suitable for emergency preparedness, response and recovery needs, including:
(A) Rally points for individuals displaced in an emergency;
(B) Response facilities for emergency services providers; and
(C) Recovery spaces for medium-term care, housing and support for individuals during an emergency;
(b) Identify projects that are necessary or advisable to convert spaces identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection into spaces suitable for emergency needs;
(c) Identify other projects that are necessary or advisable to increase the emergency resilience of this state; and
(d) Develop a prioritized list of potential emergency resilience projects that includes the funding requirements for each project.
(3) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(7) 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.

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

(9) The task force shall submit a report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the standing or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter jurisdiction over emergency preparedness no later than September 15, 2020. The report must:
   (a) Include the prioritized list of emergency resilience projects and their funding requirements described in subsection (2)(d) of this section; and
   (b) Propose a phased implementation strategy for the projects, with a targeted start date in January of 2021.

(10) The Oregon Military Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

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

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

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