

# House Bill 2944

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply.  
Sunsets December 31, 2020.  
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the domestic use water supply; 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 Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply is established.**

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

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

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

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

11 **(A) One representative from the Water Resources Department;**

12 **(B) One representative from the Oregon Association of Water Utilities; and**

13 **(C) Five members who are knowledgeable about Oregon's domestic use water supply.**

14 **(3) The task force shall develop strategies for:**

15 **(a) Controlling and preventing toxic algae bloom and other impacts of climate change on**  
16 **Oregon's domestic use water supply;**

17 **(b) Sampling, testing and quality inspection of water supplies;**

18 **(c) Fielding of fixed and mobile mitigation equipment and technologies; and**

19 **(d) Prioritizing available funding for the highest risk environments.**

20 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**  
21 **transaction of business.**

22 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**  
23 **members of the task force.**

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

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

27 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
28 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

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

30 **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
31 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**

**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 **Assembly related to water resources no later than September 15, 2020.**

2 **(11) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support to the task force.**

3 **(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**  
4 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

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

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

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

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

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