House Bill 2944

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY
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Establishes Task Force on Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to the domestic use water supply; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Oregon Domestic Use Water Supply is established.
(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed as follows:
(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.
(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.
(c) The Governor shall appoint:
(A) One representative from the Water Resources Department;
(B) One representative from the Oregon Association of Water Utilities; and
(C) Five members who are knowledgeable about Oregon's domestic use water supply.
(3) The task force shall develop strategies for:
(a) Controlling and preventing toxic algae bloom and other impacts of climate change on Oregon's domestic use water supply;
(b) Sampling, testing and quality inspection of water supplies;
(c) Fielding of fixed and mobile mitigation equipment and technologies; and
(d) Prioritizing available funding for the highest risk environments.
(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
(8) 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.
(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
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(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter in italic and bracketed is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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

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

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

(13) 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.

(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice 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 takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.