

Senate Bill 466

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST (at the request of Ted Campbell) (Presession 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 to develop specific standards for animal to qualify as assistance animal or companion animal for purposes of state law. Requires task force to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2020.

Sunsets task force December 31, 2020.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Task Force on Assistance and Companion Animal Standards; and prescribing an ef-
3 fective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Assistance and Companion Animal Standards is es-**
6 **ablished.**

7 **(2) The task force consists of six members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

8 **(a) One member must be a retiree formerly licensed to practice medicine in this state.**

9 **(b) One member must be a person currently licensed to practice medicine in this state.**

10 **(c) One member must be a representative of the food service industry.**

11 **(d) One member must be a representative of commercial travel industries.**

12 **(e) One member must be a representative of an animal rights organization.**

13 **(f) One member must be a person selected from the general public.**

14 **(3) The task force shall develop proposals regarding specific standards for animals to**
15 **qualify under Oregon law as assistance animals or as companion animals.**

16 **(4) The task force may hold hearings, receive testimony and take any other lawful**
17 **actions the task force deems appropriate to the work of the task force.**

18 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
19 **of business.**

20 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
21 **of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

28 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**
29 **include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-**
30 **bly related to public health no later than September 15, 2020.**

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 **(12) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.**

2 **(13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for**
3 **expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

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

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

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