

Requested by Representative STARK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2331**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “amending ORS 537.780” and  
2 insert “and prescribing an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Oregon Well Construction**  
5 **Enforcement Activities is established.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader**  
8 **shall jointly appoint one member from among members of the Senate;**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the House**  
10 **Minority Leader shall jointly appoint one member from among mem-**  
11 **bers of the House of Representatives; and**

12 **“(c) The remaining members shall be appointed jointly by the**  
13 **President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,**  
14 **Senate Minority Leader and House Minority Leader as follows:**

15 **“(A) One member who is a representative of the Water Resources**  
16 **Department established in ORS 536.039;**

17 **“(B) One member who represents an association related to**  
18 **groundwater;**

19 **“(C) Two members who do not work for the government and are**  
20 **licensed as water supply well constructors or monitoring well**  
21 **constructors in Oregon;**

1       **“(D) One member who is a representative of the Water Resources**  
2 **Commission;**

3       **“(E) One member who does not work for the government, special-**  
4 **izes in groundwater, is certified as a water rights examiner and regis-**  
5 **tered as a geologist in Oregon;**

6       **“(F) One member who is a representative of municipalities;**

7       **“(G) One member who is a well owner;**

8       **“(H) One member who is a representative of agricultural interests;**

9       **“(I) One member who is a representative of the Oregon Health Au-**  
10 **thority;**

11       **“(J) One member who is a representative of an association related**  
12 **to special districts in Oregon; and**

13       **“(K) One member who is a representative of an environmental or-**  
14 **ganization.**

15       **“(3) The task force shall review and make recommendations on:**

16       **“(a) The priorities and procedures developed by the Water Re-**  
17 **sources Commission for technical review of well logs filed before, on**  
18 **or after the effective date of this 2019 Act and the fiscal impact and**  
19 **funding consequences of those priorities and procedures.**

20       **“(b) Limiting enforcement of well construction standards to those**  
21 **in effect when a log reported well construction activity.**

22       **“(c) Enforcement, operations and maintenance practices for well**  
23 **construction.**

24       **“(d) Potential improvements to the well construction and enforce-**  
25 **ment program.**

26       **“(e) Methods to improve well construction and well inspection**  
27 **practices.**

28       **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**  
29 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

30       **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**

1 majority of the voting members of the task force.

2 “(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as  
3 chairperson and one of its members to serve as vice-chairperson who  
4 shall serve as chairperson during any absence of the chairperson.

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

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

10 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of  
11 the task force.

12 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided  
13 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to  
14 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to water  
15 resources no later than September 15, 2020.

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

18 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task  
19 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-  
20 visory capacity only.

21 “(13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation  
22 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
23 force.

24 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,  
25 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties  
26 of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
27 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
28 task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

29 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31,**  
30 **2020.**

