

Requested by Senator HASS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 1572**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon insert “and  
2 declaring an emergency.” and delete the rest of the line and line 3.

3 After line 3, insert:

4 “Whereas Oregon’s high school diploma requirements are in need of re-  
5 view; and

6 “Whereas noncoursework requirements have become a barrier to gradu-  
7 ation for many students in this state; and

8 “Whereas Oregon’s administrative rules are outdated and refer to stu-  
9 dents who began grade nine more than 15 years ago; and

10 “Whereas legislators requested the Department of Education and the  
11 State Board of Education to review administrative rules relating to high  
12 school graduation during the 2019 session and the review has yet to occur;  
13 now, therefore,”.

14 Delete lines 5 through 27 and delete pages 2 through 11 and insert:

15 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on High School Diploma Require-  
16 ments is established.**

17 **“(2) The task force consists of 19 members appointed as follows:**

18 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from  
19 among members of the Senate.**

20 **“(b) The Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint one member  
21 from among members of the Senate.**

1       **“(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**  
2 **member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

3       **“(d) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall ap-**  
4 **point one member from among members of the House of Represen-**  
5 **tatives.**

6       **“(e) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members of the**  
7 **public based on the recommendations of the chairperson of an interim**  
8 **or session committee of the Legislative Assembly related to education.**

9       **“(f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two**  
10 **members of the public based on the recommendations of the chair-**  
11 **person of an interim or session committee of the Legislative Assembly**  
12 **related to education.**

13       **“(g) The Governor shall appoint 11 members as follows:**

14       **“(A) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee**  
15 **of the deputy superintendent;**

16       **“(B) One member who is a member of the State Board of Education;**

17       **“(C) One member who is an expert on developing and implementing**  
18 **policies and practices to improve equity in education;**

19       **“(D) One member who is a member of a school district board;**

20       **“(E) One member who is an administrator at a public school;**

21       **“(F) One member who is a teacher at a public school;**

22       **“(G) Two members who represent post-secondary institutions of**  
23 **education in this state;**

24       **“(H) Two members who represent nonprofit organizations that are**  
25 **working on educational improvement in this state;**

26       **“(I) One member who is from the business community.**

27       **“(3) All appointments to the task force made under subsection (2)**  
28 **of this section must be completed by April 15, 2020.**

29       **“(4)(a) The task force shall:**

30       **“(A) Review requirements for a high school diploma in this state,**

1 including requirements prescribed by statute and by the State Board  
2 of Education by rule.

3 “(B) Review requirements for a high school diploma in other states  
4 and compare those requirements with the requirements for a high  
5 school diploma in this state.

6 “(C) Examine alternative pathways to receiving a high school di-  
7 ploma that are available in other states.

8 “(D) Determine which high school diploma requirements should be  
9 prescribed by statute and whether any high school diploma require-  
10 ments should be prescribed by administrative rule.

11 “(E) Identify recommendations for changes to legislation and ad-  
12 ministrative rule related to high school diplomas.

13 “(b) The duties of the task force prescribed by paragraph (a) of this  
14 subsection shall focus on standard high school diplomas and not  
15 modified diplomas or extended diplomas.

16 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes  
17 a quorum for the transaction of business.

18 “(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a  
19 majority of the voting members of the task force.

20 “(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as  
21 chairperson.

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

24 “(9) The task force shall meet at least once each month from the  
25 time appointments are made until the task force submits the report  
26 as described in subsection (11) of this section. The task force may meet  
27 more frequently at the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the  
28 voting members of the task force.

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

1       “(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided  
2 by ORS 192.245, and shall include recommendations for legislation and  
3 administrative rules, to an interim committee of the Legislative As-  
4 sembly related to education no later than January 15, 2021.

5       “(12) The Legislative and Policy Research Office shall provide staff  
6 support to the task force.

7       “(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task  
8 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-  
9 visory capacity only.

10       “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-  
11 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement  
12 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

18       “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2020 Act is repealed on June 30, 2021.

19       “SECTION 3. This 2020 Act being necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
21 declared to exist, and this 2020 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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