

SB 779 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

**Senate Committee On Judiciary and Ballot Measure 110
Implementation**

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates 21 member Task Force on Guardianship and Conservatorship Reform. Requires Task Force to study current status of protective proceedings in Oregon, current statutes and caselaw, challenges and obstacles to obtaining adequate supports for less restrictive alternatives, equity and racial issues in protective proceedings, and data gathering. Requires Task Force to study challenges and opportunities with court appointed counsel. Requires Task Force to study the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act. Includes legislative members from both chambers and majority and minority members. Includes Long Term Care Ombudsman, disability rights organization, Department of Human Services, a member of a racial justice advisory group, professional guardian and lay guardian, two persons who were or are protected persons, one member from Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, two attorneys with experience in guardianship and conservatorship, two circuit court judges with experience in protective proceedings, one member representing the State Court Administrator, one member representing a guardianship advisory group, and two probate court coordinators. Requires Task Force report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022 with interim report and September 15, 2024 with final report. Directs Legislative Policy and Research Office to provide staff support to Task Force. Takes effect 91 days following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 779 creates a 21 member Task Force on Guardianship and Conservatorship Reform to study current law, practices, and challenges in Oregon, as well as the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission. The Task Force is required to report back to the Legislative Assembly with an interim report in September 2022 and a final report in September 2024.