

# House Bill 2278

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Government Transparency.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to government transparency; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Government Transparency is established.**

**(2) The task force consists of seven members appointed as follows:**

**(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

**(A) Two members from among members of the Senate.**

**(B) One member who is a member of the public and is knowledgeable on issues of government transparency.**

**(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

**(A) Two members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

**(B) One member who is a member of the public and is knowledgeable on issues of government transparency.**

**(c) The Governor shall appoint one member who represents state government in this state and is knowledgeable on issues of government transparency.**

**(3) The task force shall study issues related to government transparency in Oregon.**

**(4) The task force may take all lawful actions the task force deems necessary or proper to carry out the duties of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(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 related to government no later than September 15, 2021.**

**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 Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the**  
2 **task force.**

3           **(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
4 **entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**  
5 **force.**

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

10           **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.**

11           **SECTION 3.** **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**  
13 **on its passage.**

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