

House Bill 2911

Sponsored by Representative MARSH (Pre-session 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**.

Establishes Bottle Bill Task Force. Directs task force to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment no later than August 31, 2022.
Sunsets December 31, 2022.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to beverage containers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Bottle Bill Task Force is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 13 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among the members of**
7 **the Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **the members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 10 members as follows:**

11 **(A) One member representing the Office of the Governor;**

12 **(B) One member representing the Department of State Lands;**

13 **(C) One member representing the Department of Environmental Quality who has exper-**
14 **tise in solid waste management;**

15 **(D) One member representing the Oregon Liquor Control Commission;**

16 **(E) One member representing a distributor cooperative established under ORS 459A.718;**

17 **(F) One member representing a distributor, as defined in ORS 459A.700, that is not re-**
18 **presented by the distributor cooperative described in subparagraph (E) of this paragraph;**

19 **(G) One member representing an environmental justice organization;**

20 **(H) One member representing the unhoused community; and**

21 **(I) Two representatives of consumers.**

22 **(d) The Secretary of State shall appoint one member representing the Office of the Sec-**
23 **retary of State.**

24 **(3) All members appointed to the task force under subsection (2) of this section must be**
25 **appointed no later than September 15, 2021.**

26 **(4) The task force shall study, evaluate and make recommendations for:**

27 **(a) Authorizing the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to inspect the finances of entities**
28 **regulated under ORS 459A.700 to 459A.744 to increase transparency and better understand**
29 **the financial needs of regulated entities related to the return and recycling of beverage**
30 **containers.**

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 (b) Requiring that consumers be entitled to a detailed accounting of returned beverage
2 containers regardless of redemption method.

3 (c) Authorizing the commission to be involved in the siting of redemption centers and
4 other decisions that affect collection system infrastructure or accessibility.

5 (d) Metrics Oregon could use to improve program management and increase return vol-
6 ume based on the structure or administration of programs for beverage container redemp-
7 tion in other states.

8 (e) Commission staffing levels necessary to implement the recommendations of the task
9 force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (11) No later than August 31, 2022, the task force shall submit its findings and recom-
21 mendations in a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the
22 environment in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

23 (12) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the
24 task force.

25 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
26 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
27 force.

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

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

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

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