House Bill 2916

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to strategies for environmentally beneficial economic growth; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force is established.
(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:
(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.
(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of the House of Representatives.
(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in the management of forest resources or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon communities most closely linked with the forest products industry.

(3) The task force shall:
(a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.
(b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under section 2 of this 2021 Act and the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under section 3 of this 2021 Act to periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.
(c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:
(A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;
(B) Enhance climate resilience;
(C) Restore ecosystems; and
(D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have been impacted by declines in the forest products industry.

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

(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

(10) The State Forestry Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

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

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

SECTION 2. (1) The Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force is established.

(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the
Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the
majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of
the House of Representatives.

(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in
agriculture or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon communities most closely
linked with the agricultural industry.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

(b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to
the Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section 1 of this 2021 Act and
the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under section 3 of this 2021 Act to
periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the duties
described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

(c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:

(A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;

(B) Enhance climate resilience;

(C) Restore ecosystems; and

(D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have
been impacted by declines in the agricultural industry.

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

(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
members of the task force.

(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

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

(10) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

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

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

SECTION 3. (1) The Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force is established.

(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in industries that rely on marine resources or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon communities most closely linked with those industries.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

(b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to the Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section 1 of this 2021 Act and the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under section 2 of this 2021 Act to periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

(c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:

(A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;

(B) Enhance climate resilience;

(C) Restore ecosystems; and

(D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have been impacted by declines in industries that rely on marine resources.

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

(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

(10) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

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

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

SECTION 4. (1) The Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section 1 of this 2021 Act, the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under section 2 of this 2021 Act and the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under section 3 of this 2021 Act shall, with an emphasis on their respective economic sectors and communities, study and develop recommendations for existing and emerging technologies and practices that, if adopted, would improve economic growth and environmental health.

(2) In developing recommendations, each task force described in subsection (1) of this section shall:

(a) Conduct an analysis of technologies and practices that could serve their respective communities, including:

(A) A description of current efforts to improve economic growth while improving the environment and the stakeholders involved in those efforts;

(B) The marginal costs of adopting new technologies and practices; and

(C) The effects of adopting new technologies or practices on job and economic growth, tax revenue, public health and the environment.

(b) Identify opportunities for collaboration between public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, and the federal government to encourage private sector investment in the reduction or sequestration of atmospheric carbon through carbon offset programs.

(c) Identify emerging technologies, evaluate the readiness of those technologies for use and identify technologies for which further research and development will be beneficial.

(d) Identify any regulatory barriers to implementing technologies or practices and make recommendations for legislation to eliminate those barriers.

(e) Identify public-private partnership models that are capable of spurring private investment in new technologies or practices.

(f) Identify methods for monitoring and evaluating the impact of adopting new technologies or practices.

(3) Each task force described in subsection (1) of this section shall provide the task force’s recommendations in a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2022.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 to 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2023.

SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.