House Bill 3325

Sponsored by Representative RUIZ

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 Task Force on Rental Property Inspections. Requires task force to report to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly on or before September 15, 2022.
Sunsets December 31, 2022.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to rental property inspections; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Rental Property Inspections is established.
(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed as follows:
(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.
(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.
(c) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall appoint:
(A) One member representing the Housing and Community Services Department, who shall serve as the chairperson of the task force;
(B) Two members representing local governments;
(C) One member representing tenants or tenant organizations; and
(D) One member representing landlords or landlord organizations.
(d) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall appoint:
(A) One member representing the Department of Consumer and Business Services; and
(B) One member representing residential contractors.
(3) The task force shall study and make recommendations concerning residential rental property inspections, including consideration of:
(a) Existing local rental inspection programs in this state;
(b) Existing statewide rental inspection programs or support for local programs in other states;
(c) Ways this state can support the development, continuation or improvement of local rental inspection programs;
(d) Development of a statewide rental inspection program or uniform standards for local rental inspection programs; and
(e) Changes in state laws necessary to support tenants who report habitability issues, including with respect to fears of retaliation.
(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) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(7) 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.

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

(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, which may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the work of the task force no later than September 15, 2022.

(10) The Housing and Community Services 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. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.