

March 2, 2021 8 o'clock - House Bill 2916

House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity

I oppose House Bill 2916:

Appointments by Senate President and Speaker of the House of legislative members to collect wages and expenses payment for six (6) State Senators and six (6) State Representatives.

Thirty-three (33) unpaid and not reimbursed for expenses task force members with knowledge and experience appointed by the Governor.

Use of Departments of Forestry, Agriculture, and Marine provides Task Force staff support, all these departments use resources and labor paid for with Oregon revenue whether it be from Task Force Budgets or from each agencies funds.

Section 1 of HB 2916 will report to a legislative assembly interim committee their findings.

Fourteen (14) points of extreme scientific, accounting, conferring, partnering ... have to be studied, disseminated, tabulated, minutes taken, and administrative time spent to schedule task force meetings or field observations with a place, time, and location.

Taking effect on passage as an 'emergency is declared' and intends to last a Legislative Assembly Biennium or January 2, 2023. I live in a county with a small population and it's not unusual at all that the soil board position(s) rarely have a candidate been inserted, instead a blank line space to fill-in candidate. In fact, it's a rarity that any of the volunteer environmental boards have candidates.

Task Force – Reasons Not to Proceed with HB 2916: DEQ, LCDC, Departments of Forestry-Agriculture-Marine already have the extreme scientific, accounting, conferring, partnering ... studies and documents already at the Legislature Assembly disposal. Legislators you do not need a revenue sucking commission (task force) you just have to ask for the information.

HB 2916 wants 33 skilled professional grade (knowledgeable and experienced) volunteers to commit to months of service freely, hum? I live in a fairly large county with a small population and it's not unusual at all that the soil board position(s) rarely have a candidate inserted after the fill circle of the ballot, instead a blank line space is there instead to fill-in candidate. In fact, it's a rarity that any of the volunteer county environmental boards have candidates.

All these appointments and tasks of HB 2916 without a Staff Measure Summary, Revenue Impact Statement, Fiscal Impact Statement, or Budget Report.

- SECTION 1 Blue-Green Economy Task Force **TIMBER**
- a. Two State Senators appointed by the President of the Senate– paid position + expenses
 - b. Two State Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives – paid position + expenses
 - c. Eleven members of knowledge and experience appointed by the Governor, three but not more than five will be liaisons –no compensation or expenses reimbursed
 - d. a, b, and c above will elect a Chairman
 - e. To carry out HB 2916 (4)
 - f. Department of Forestry will provide Task Force staff support
 - g. Section 1; shall report recommendations to Legislative Assembly Interim Committees [ORS 192.245]

- **SECTION 2** Blue-Green Economy Task Force **AGRICULTURE**
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 - b. Two State Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives– a paid position + expenses
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 - d. a, b, and c above will elect a Chairman
 - e. To carry out HB 2916 (4)
 - f. Department of Agriculture will provide Task Force staff support

- **SECTION 3** Blue-Green Economy Task Force **MARINE**
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 - b. Two State Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives– a paid position + expenses
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 - d. a, b, and c above will elect a Chairman
 - e. To carry out HB 2916 (4)
 - f. Department of Agriculture will provide Task Force staff support
 - g.

- **SECTION 4** The Three Task Force's will:

STUDY AND DEVELOP EXISTING AND EMERGING:

- a. Effects of current and new technologies and practices
- b. Improve job/economic growth and the effects
- c. Improve tax revenue
- d. Improve public health
- e. Improve environmental health
- f. Advance stakeholders whom invest in improving the environment
- g. Determine marginal costs of developing new technologies and practices
- h. Serve the respective communities
- i. Collaborate between public bodies [ORS 174.100], federal government, encourage private sector investment, i.e. carbon offset programs
- j. Identify emerging beneficial technologies and evaluate readiness
- k. Identify further research and development where beneficial
- l. Identify regulatory barriers and report to legislative assembly
- m. Identify public-private partnership models for new technologies and practices to spur private investment
- n. Identify methods monitoring and evaluating impact of new technologies and practices