A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to the effects on adjudicated persons of adjudications for criminal acts; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Occupational and Professional Licensing is established.

(2) The task force consists of 21 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:

(A) Two members from among members of the Senate, with one member from each of the two largest caucuses among members of the Senate;

(B) One member who represents employers who hire persons who require licenses to
pursue an occupation or profession; and

(C) One member who is a person who is working in a field that requires an occupational or professional license.

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

(A) Two members from among members of the House of Representatives, with one member from each of the two largest caucuses among members of the House of Representatives;

(B) One member who represents employers who hire persons who require licenses to pursue an occupation or profession; and

(C) One member who is a person who is working in a field that requires an occupational or professional license.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the chief executive officer of the Oregon State Bar and representatives from among the 12 licensing boards, commissions or agencies that receive the largest number of applications and grant the largest number of occupational or professional licenses in this state.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Research and study issues related to occupational and professional licensing in this state, with a particular focus on:

(A) The extent to which licensing boards, commissions and agencies deny occupational and professional licenses or suspend, revoke or refuse to renew previously granted licenses on the basis of a previous criminal conviction or juvenile adjudication, along with the number of licenses denied, suspended, revoked or denied renewal for that reason in each calendar year; and

(B) Other barriers that exist for applicants for occupational and professional licensing or that result in licensees facing suspension, revocation or denials of renewal.

(b) Make recommendations for improvements and methods for removing barriers to licensing in the report described in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) The task force may receive testimony and applicable literature, consult experts, perform investigations and otherwise take any action necessary to carry out the scope of the task force’s responsibilities under subsection (3) of this section.

(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 occupational and professional licensing no later than September 15, 2022.

(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide staff support to the task
(13) 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.

(14) 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.

(15) 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 2022 Act is repealed on December 31, 2023.

SECTION 3. This 2022 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2022 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.