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Senate Bill 1518

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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.

[Adds Reach Code to state building code as specialty code and gives power of administration and interpretation of Reach Code to Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services. Requires director to follow same process in adopting or amending Reach Code that director follows in developing residential and commercial building codes and to ensure that statewide Reach Code mandates achievement of not more than 90 percent of site energy use that other statewide residential and commercial building codes require. Requires director to adopt Reach Code at same time director adopts corresponding residential specialty code or corresponding structural specialty code, updating Reach Code at least every three years.]

[Permits municipality to adopt Reach Code and require adherence to code as minimum construction standard and method within municipality's jurisdiction notwithstanding requirement that state building code be uniform and applicable to all municipalities in state. Provides that municipality's adoption of Reach Code is not amendment to state building code and does not require approval of director. Provides that municipality that does not adopt Reach Code does not need to enforce Reach Code within municipality's jurisdiction.]

[Takes effect July 1, 2022.]

Establishes Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings and specifies task force membership. Requires task force to identify and evaluate policies related to building codes and building decarbonization for new and existing buildings that would enable state to meet greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals while maximizing other benefits. Requires task force to make policy recommendations for legislation to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment before 2023 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to building codes; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings is established.

(2) The task force consists of 27 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint a Republican member of the Senate to the task force and shall appoint as cochair of the task force the member of the Senate who chairs the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment at the time of the appointment.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a Republican member of the House of Representatives and shall appoint as cochair of the task force the member of the House of Representatives who chairs the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources at the time of the appointment.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint 23 additional members of the task force with the aim of representing the geographic diversity of this state and obtaining the benefit of specific experience in areas of

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1 concern to the task force. The additional membership must consist of:

2 (A) Two members who represent the construction trades, at least one of whom repres-
3 ents electrical workers and at least one of whom has experience with apprenticeship;

4 (B) Two members who represent builders, general contractors or developers that con-
5 struct commercial buildings, multifamily housing or affordable housing, at least one of whom
6 has experience constructing buildings with energy efficiency that exceeds current building
7 code requirements;

8 (C) Two members who represent builders, general contractors or developers that do
9 residential development, at least one of whom has experience in constructing buildings with
10 energy efficiency that exceeds current building code requirements;

11 (D) One member who represents architects;

12 (E) Two members who represent firms that are subcontractors for other builders or de-
13 velopers, at least one of whom represents an electrical subcontractor;

14 (F) One member who represents building owners or operators;

15 (G) Two members who have expertise in making or implementing policies to respond to
16 climate change or energy use policies;

17 (H) One member who represents a utility that provides electricity service in this state;

18 (I) One member who represents a utility that provides natural gas service in this state;

19 (J) One member who advocates for public utility ratepayers;

20 (K) Two members who represent local governments, as defined in ORS 174.116, one of
21 whom must represent an urban region of this state and one of whom must represent a rural
22 region of this state;

23 (L) Two members who represent groups that advocate for environmental justice;

24 (M) One member who represents advocates for affordable housing;

25 (N) One member who is involved in or familiar with energy efficiency incentive programs;

26 (O) One member who represents a public health perspective or is employed in public
27 health; and

28 (P) One member with experience in developing, implementing or enforcing building codes.

29 (3) The task force shall:

30 (a) Identify and evaluate policies related to building codes and building decarbonization
31 for new and existing buildings that would enable this state to meet the greenhouse gas
32 emissions reduction goals set forth in ORS 468A.205 while maximizing additional benefits,
33 such as increasing energy efficiency, improving resilience against climate change, improving
34 public health and air quality, reducing the percentage of household income that goes toward
35 energy costs and mitigating the displacement and other impacts that result from wildfires,
36 heat waves and other climate change events;

37 (b) Receive testimony, perform research, consult experts, review appropriate literature,
38 solicit feedback from disproportionately impacted communities around this state and other-
39 wise undertake activities to inform task force members with respect to the scope of the task
40 force's duties;

41 (c) Make policy recommendations for legislation to interim committees of the Legislative
42 Assembly related to the environment before the 2023 regular session of the Legislative As-
43 sembly;

44 (d) Contract, in consultation with the cochairs of the task force and through the Legis-
45 lative Policy and Research Office, with a contractor that can provide process facilitation,

1 necessary data, technical expertise or advice on best practices for meeting the requirements
2 set forth in this subsection; and

3 (e) Perform as needed other tasks supplemental or related to the tasks described in this
4 subsection.

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

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

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

11 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the cochair of
12 the task force or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

14 (9) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in
15 ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and
16 Speaker designate.

17 (10) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the
18 performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director
19 shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use
20 the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the
21 greatest extent practicable.

22 (11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, the Environmental
23 Justice Task Force and the Environmental Equity Committee of the Racial Justice Council
24 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and,
25 to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice
26 the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on December 31, 2023.

28 **SECTION 3.** This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect
30 on its passage.

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