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SUMMARY

Digest: This Act creates a task force to study and report on energy production on farm land. (Flesch Readability Score: 70.1).

Creates Agrivoltaics Task Force staffed by Department of Land Conservation and Development. Requires task force to study agrivoltaics and to report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to land use by December 15, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to agrivoltaics task force; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Agrivoltaics Task Force is established.

(2) The task force consists of at least 11 members, who shall be appointed no later than 45 days following the effective date of this 2025 Act, as follows:

(a) One member, appointed by the Director of Agriculture, to represent the State Department of Agriculture;

(b) One member, appointed by the Director of the State Department of Energy to represent the State Department of Energy; and

(c) At least nine members, appointed by the Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, with diverse geographic representation, as follows:

(A) One member representing the Association of Oregon Counties;

(B) One member representing a land use organization;

(C) One member representing large agricultural operations;

(D) One member representing small agricultural operations or

1 **family farms;**

2 **(E) One member representing the solar development industry;**

3 **(F) One member familiar with community solar development;**

4 **(G) One member with expertise in agrivoltaics technology and de-**
5 **ployment;**

6 **(H) One member representing the environmental community;**

7 **(I) One member with expertise in land valuation; and**

8 **(J) At the discretion of the director, an even number of individuals**
9 **with expertise, or who represent other interests, relevant to the pur-**
10 **pose of the task force.**

11 **(3) The task force shall study and prepare a report on:**

12 **(a) The existing land use regulations around solar siting and agri-**
13 **culture and variations across the state, if any;**

14 **(b) The benefits of agrivoltaics;**

15 **(c) The potential for agrivoltaics on smaller family farms or com-**
16 **munity solar projects;**

17 **(d) The impacts to the agricultural economy from agrivoltaics,**
18 **particularly impacts to properties or property values from solar siting**
19 **or solar colocation;**

20 **(e) Recommendations on the size of feasible agrivoltaics projects**
21 **or the proportion of land that may be used for agrivoltaics;**

22 **(f) Mechanisms to ensure that farming remains the primary use of**
23 **land used for agrivoltaics; and**

24 **(g) Solar development impacts on availability of land for farm use.**

25 **(4) The task force may study and report on additional topics relat-**
26 **ing to agrivoltaics.**

27 **(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
28 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

29 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-**
30 **jority of the voting members of the task force.**

31 **(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-**

1 **person.**

2 **(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
3 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

4 **(9)(a) The task force shall meet no fewer than six times. The task**
5 **force shall have its first meeting on or before 90 days after the effec-**
6 **tive date of this 2025 Act.**

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

10 **(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
11 **the task force.**

12 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
13 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
14 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to land use**
15 **no later than December 15, 2026.**

16 **(12) The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall**
17 **provide staff support to the task force or contract for the adminis-**
18 **tration of the task force.**

19 **(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**
20 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**
21 **visory capacity only.**

22 **(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-**
23 **lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement**
24 **for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.**

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

30 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31,**
31 **2026.**

1 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
2 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
3 **clared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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