House Bill 2137

Sponsored by Representative MANNIX (Presession filed.)

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 Willamette River Bridge Task Force.
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2024.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Willamette River bridges; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Willamette River Bridge Task Force is established.
   (2) The task force consists of eight members appointed as follows:
      (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate who represents a district that is within 30 miles of the Wheatland Ferry.
      (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives who represents a district that is within 30 miles of the Wheatland Ferry.
      (c) The Governor shall appoint:
         (A) Three members chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners; and
         (B) Three members chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners.
   (3) The task force shall study strategies for the financing, construction and maintenance of an additional bridge crossing the Willamette River connecting Marion and Polk Counties in the Salem area.
   (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) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
   (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
   (8) 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.
   (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
   (10) 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 transportation no later than December 15, 2023.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter \[italic and bracketed\] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(11) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the task force.

(12) 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.

(13) 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.

(14) 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 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.