

# House Bill 2621

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY (Pre-session 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 Task Force on Reviewing State Boards and Commissions. Directs task force to review certain boards and commissions that establish policies and oversee state agencies and make recommendations for any changes necessary in state statutes that can promote accountability and effectiveness in operations of state boards and commissions.

Sunset December 31, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to state agencies; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Reviewing State Boards and Commissions is estab-**  
5 **lished.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of six members appointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint three members from among members of the**  
8 **Senate.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from**  
10 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

11 **(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**  
12 **each appoint a cochair from the members described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this sub-**  
13 **section.**

14 **(3) Each board or commission that meets the following criteria is subject to review de-**  
15 **scribed in this section:**

16 **(a) Is part of the executive department, as defined in ORS 174.112;**

17 **(b) Consists of a decision-making body of two or more individuals and any other staff as**  
18 **is appointed by the decision-making body or by one or more delegates of the decision-making**  
19 **body;**

20 **(c) Is established by statute;**

21 **(d) Is directed by statute to oversee and establish policies for the operation of a state**  
22 **agency; and**

23 **(e) Has a continuing existence or history of existence for at least five years as of the date**  
24 **the task force first convenes.**

25 **(4) The task force shall, for each board and commission, review:**

26 **(a) The purposes, mission and goals of the board or commission; and**

27 **(b) The public need and effectiveness of the board or commission to accomplish the pur-**  
28 **poses, mission and goals.**

29 **(5) The task force shall make recommendations for any changes necessary in state stat-**

**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.

1 **utes that can promote accountability and effectiveness in the operations of boards and**  
2 **commissions and their agencies reviewed pursuant to this section.**

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

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

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

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

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

12 **(11) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**  
13 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**  
14 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

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

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

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

27 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.**

28 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**  
29 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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