

# House Bill 2650

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM (at the request of Transforming Justice Coalition) (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 requirements for informal workgroups and task forces.

Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to establish program for compensating eligible members of informal workgroups and task forces. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for program.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to groups assembled to discuss policy.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in sections 1 and 2 of this 2023 Act:**

5 (a) **“Community-based organization” means an organization that is led by a represen-**  
6 **tative of a community or a significant segment of a community and works to meet commu-**  
7 **nity needs and amplify strengths.**

8 (b) **“Community member” means an individual who has personal interactions or personal**  
9 **lived experience with the policy being discussed.**

10 (c) **“Impacted person” means an individual whose life was directly impacted by a policy**  
11 **being discussed.**

12 (d) **“Informal workgroup” means a group of more than eight individuals assembled by a**  
13 **member of the Legislative Assembly, a state agency or the Judicial Department that is not**  
14 **created by statute and is assembled for the purpose of discussing proposed legislation or**  
15 **recommendations for legislation over the course of more than four meetings.**

16 (e) **“State government” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.111.**

17 (f) **“Task force” means a group, created by statute for the purpose of discussing proposed**  
18 **legislation or recommendations for legislation, that lasts no longer than two years.**

19 (2) **An informal workgroup or task force established by an agency of state government**  
20 **must meet the following requirements:**

21 (a) **Representatives of community-based organizations, community members and im-**  
22 **acted persons must comprise at least 50 percent of the membership of the informal**  
23 **workgroup or task force.**

24 (b) **People of color must comprise at least 25 percent of the membership of the informal**  
25 **workgroup or task force.**

26 (c) **The membership of the informal workgroup or task force must include members of**  
27 **historically underrepresented and marginalized communities or representatives of organiza-**  
28 **tions that provide culturally specific services.**

29 (d) **Members of the informal workgroup or task force must be compensated for time and**  
30 **travel.**

**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       (e) Meetings of the informal workgroup or task force must be scheduled at times that  
2 are convenient for members participating outside of their paid employment, school, parenting  
3 or other community responsibilities.

4       **SECTION 2.** (1) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall establish a  
5 program for processing applications for payment to representatives of community-based or-  
6 ganizations, community members and impacted persons who serve on informal workgroups  
7 and task forces.

8       (2) The department shall accept applications from authorities responsible for appointing  
9 members of informal workgroups and task forces for funding from the program to compen-  
10 sate eligible members.

11       (3) The department may adopt rules to implement the program described in this section.

12       (4) The department shall collect data on the composition and expenditures of informal  
13 workgroups and task forces.

14       **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
15 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July  
16 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for pur-  
17 poses of providing compensation to members of informal workgroups and task forces under  
18 section 2 of this 2023 Act.

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