

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2867

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

March 29

- 1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31.
2 Delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:
3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Desalination is established.**
4 **“(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**
5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
6 **Senate, each member being from a different political party.**
7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
8 **members of the House of Representatives, each member being from a different political**
9 **party.**
10 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members as follows:**
11 **“(A) One member representing the State Department of Agriculture;**
12 **“(B) One member representing the State Department of Energy;**
13 **“(C) One member representing the Department of Environmental Quality;**
14 **“(D) One member representing the Water Resources Department;**
15 **“(E) One member representing the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries;**
16 **“(F) One member representing an association representing Oregon ports; and**
17 **“(G) Five at-large members.**
18 **“(3) The task force shall study the creation of a statewide desalination program. In con-**
19 **ducting the study, the task force shall consider program viability and development strategies**
20 **and may consider other issues related to the creation of a statewide desalination program,**
21 **as determined by the task force.**
22 **“(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and**
23 **collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force’s duties.**
24 **“(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
25 **transaction of business.**
26 **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
27 **members of the task force.**
28 **“(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**
29 **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
30 **ment to become immediately effective.**
31 **“(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
32 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**
33 **“(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**
34 **“(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
35 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**

1 **Assembly related to water no later than September 15, 2024.**

2 **“(12) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support to the task force.**

3 **“(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting**
4 **members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

5 **“(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are**
6 **not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the**
7 **task force.**

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

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

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

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