

Requested by Representative BYNUM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2650**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas best practice is to have multiple perspectives engaged in de-
3 veloping policy solutions; and

4 “Whereas people directly impacted by policy solutions, including people
5 of color, rural communities and other historically underrepresented commu-
6 nities, have been historically left out of policy conversations; and

7 “Whereas there are systemic barriers to people impacted by policies en-
8 gaging in our democratic processes; and

9 “Whereas people who are directly impacted by policies should be able to
10 be compensated for their time without worry for losing their public benefits;
11 and

12 “Whereas it is in everyone’s interest to ensure that the voices of those
13 directly impacted by the policy being discussed can be heard in an equitable
14 and accessible manner; now, therefore,”.

15 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

16 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

17 **“(a) ‘Community-based organization’ means an organization that is**
18 **led by a representative of a community or of a significant segment of**
19 **a community and that works to meet community needs and amplify**
20 **strengths.**

21 **“(b) ‘Historically underrepresented communities’ includes but is not**

1 limited to people of color, ethnic minorities, communities of individ-
2 uals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-
3 spirit, intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender
4 identity or sexual orientation community, people who speak languages
5 other than English, people from rural areas and people with disabili-
6 ties.

7 “(c)(A) ‘Impacted person’ means an individual who is the target of
8 legislation being considered by a task force or work group, whose in-
9 dividual life is or would be disproportionately impacted by the legis-
10 lation, or whose interests have been historically underrepresented in
11 the political process relating to the legislation.

12 “(B) ‘Impacted person’ does not include an officer or employee of
13 state or local government, unless the person is acting only in a per-
14 sonal capacity and not representing the interests of state or local
15 government.

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

19 “(e)(A) ‘Work group’ means an organized meeting or group of
20 meetings convened by a member of the Legislative Assembly that is
21 focused on the development of specific and initial bill language and
22 involves the creation of an experience-based foundation for the legis-
23 lation being worked on.

24 “(B) ‘Work group’ does not include a meeting between members of
25 the Legislative Assembly or other stakeholders that involves advocacy
26 for or against specific legislation.

27 “(2) A task force or work group established by statute or by a
28 member of the Legislative Assembly must meet the following require-
29 ments:

30 “(a) Impacted persons and representatives of community-based or-

1 organizations must comprise at least 50 percent of the membership of
2 the task force or work group.

3 “(b) At least 25 percent of the persons appointed to the task force
4 or work group under paragraph (a) of this subsection must be im-
5 pacted persons who are representatives of historically underrepre-
6 sented communities or representatives of community-based
7 organizations serving historically underrepresented communities.

8 “(c) Members of the task force or work group who are not otherwise
9 compensated for their participation must be compensated for time and
10 travel by the Legislative Assembly in an amount equal to the per diem
11 allowance allowed to members of the Legislative Assembly under ORS
12 171.072. A member may decline to accept compensation. Compensation
13 under this paragraph shall be made in a manner that does not com-
14 promise a person’s eligibility for public benefits, and may be made in
15 the form of cash, gift cards or contributions to an account established
16 under ORS 178.335 within the Oregon 529 Savings Network or to a re-
17 tirement savings plan account established under ORS 178.205. If a
18 person elects to receive compensation in the form of cash, the person
19 must be informed that receipt of cash compensation may impact el-
20 igibility for public benefits.

21 “(d) In recognition that impacted persons do not perform these
22 tasks as part of their regular professional duties, meetings of the work
23 group or task force must, as much as possible, be scheduled at times
24 that center participating impacted persons.

25 “(e) Meetings of the task force or work group must, as much as
26 possible, allow participants to participate remotely and to share
27 thoughts through multiple means, including electronic mail and
28 speaking at the meeting.”

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