

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1503

By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

February 16

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert:

2 “Whereas Oregonians saw a 40 percent increase in deaths related to firearms in the last decade,
3 the vast majority of which are suicide; and

4 “Whereas firearm violence has increased by 21 percent and suicide has increased by four per-
5 cent since before the COVID-19 pandemic; and”.

6 Delete lines 8 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

7 “**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention**
8 **is established.**

9 “**(2) The task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:**

10 “**(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
11 **Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.**

12 “**(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
13 **members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the**
14 **minority party.**

15 “**(c) The Governor shall appoint 13 members, with consideration of geographic diversity,**
16 **as follows:**

17 “**(A) A representative of a state public health agency;**

18 “**(B) A public safety policy advisor to the Governor;**

19 “**(C) A representative of a nonprofit organization focused on suicide prevention with ex-**
20 **perience in lethal means safety;**

21 “**(D) A representative of a community-based firearm safety and protocols program;**

22 “**(E) A representative of the public health research field;**

23 “**(F) A behavioral health professional or provider;**

24 “**(G) An adult behavioral health provider;**

25 “**(H) A medical provider who has worked with firearm violence victims;**

26 “**(I) A psychologist who works with youth;**

27 “**(J) A tribal representative from a suicide prevention program;**

28 “**(K) A person with lived experience with community safety threats or suicidal ideation;**

29 “**(L) A representative of law enforcement; and**

30 “**(M) A professional who works in veterans’ mental health.**

31 “**(3) The task force shall coordinate with the Department of Justice, the Oregon Health**
32 **Authority, sheriff departments that provide for voluntary storage of firearms, federally re-**
33 **cognized Indian tribes in this state, faith-based groups in this state and the Oregon Alliance**
34 **to Prevent Suicide to study the following issues related to public health best practices for**
35 **reducing deaths from community safety threats and for suicide prevention:**

1 “(a) How to better support youth experiencing suicidal ideation.
2 “(b) How to better support rural Oregonians experiencing suicidal ideation.
3 “(c) How to reduce stigma on suicidal ideation.
4 “(d) Barriers to suicide prevention support.
5 “(e) Current community safety protocol across this state, including at hospitals and be-
6 havioral health facilities, and recommendations for improvement of the protocol.
7 “(f) Locations and events most targeted in community safety threats.
8 “(g) Rates of success for extreme risk protection orders and barriers to implementation
9 and capacity for police stations or other entities to implement voluntary surrender or hold-
10 ing of firearms.
11 “(h) Barriers to implementing best practices for community safety and suicide pre-
12 vention.
13 “(i) How domestic violence is a risk factor for community safety threats and suicide.
14 “(j) Risks to first responders.
15 “(4) The task force may engage a third party to research the issues listed in subsection
16 (3) of this section.
17 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
18 transaction of business.
19 “(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
20 members of the task force.
21 “(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
22 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
23 ment to become immediately effective.
24 “(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
25 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
26 “(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
27 “(11) The task force shall submit reports in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
28 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
29 Assembly related to health care no later than September 15, 2024, and September 15, 2025.
30 “(12) The Department of Justice shall provide staff support to the task force.
31 “(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
32 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.
33 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are
34 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the
35 task force.
36 “(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
37 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
38 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
39 force consider necessary to perform their duties.
40 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-
41 priated to the Department of Justice, for the biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the
42 General Fund, the amount of \$400,000, which may be expended for the purpose of paying a
43 third party for research ordered by the Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Sui-
44 cide Prevention, as authorized under section 1 of this 2024 Act.
45 “SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.

1 “**SECTION 4.** This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024
2 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”
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