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Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley

December 16, 2025

Meeting #1

Agenda

Dec. 16, 2025

- Member Introductions
- Adopt Task Force Rules
- House Bill 3794 Overview and Remarks from Chief Sponsor
- Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Summary
- Next Steps



Member Introductions

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Questions:

1. Name, organization, and role
2. Why are you serving on the task force?
3. What is your interest in solid-waste management?



Task Force Rules

Review and Adopt Task Force Rules



**Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley
House Bill 3794 (2025)**

**Task Force Rules
83rd Legislative Assembly
2025–2026 Interim**

A task force will operate in accordance with the Oregon Constitution, applicable statutory provisions, and general parliamentary procedure. Task forces may provide recommendations and conduct other duties as outlined in applicable enabling legislation. Task forces typically do not introduce legislation.

1. **Chair or Co-Chairs.** The chair or co-chairs of the task force shall be elected by the members of the task force or appointed as described in enabling legislation.
2. **Quorum.** A majority of the voting members appointed to the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, the chair or a co-chair may assign one or more members to receive public comment. A task force member may participate by telephone or other electronic means for purposes of a quorum.
3. **Meetings.** All task force meetings shall be open to the public. The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the chair or co-chairs or a majority of the voting task force members. The chair or co-chairs shall set agendas, and cause notice of the time and place of task force meetings at least 24 hours in advance, including posting on OLIS. The notice shall specify the type of meeting and, if applicable, whether public comment will be taken.
4. **Task Force Action.** A roll call vote shall be taken on any task force action. The affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the task force is required to approve a recommendation.
5. **Recording.** Task force meetings shall be recorded unless the meeting is held outside the Capitol and the use of recording equipment is not practicable. A recording log sufficient to serve as an index to the recording shall be available to the public within a reasonable time after the meeting. At a minimum, written minutes must be kept noting attendance and any subject matter discussed. A recording and recording log must be made if a work session is held.
6. **Off-site Meetings.** Any task force meeting held outside the Capitol shall adhere to the notice provisions required under task force rule #3 above.
7. **Field Trips.** A written summary of the task force's activities may be prepared in lieu of a recording of a meeting when the task force conducts a tour, inspection, or other

Task Force Rules Highlights

- Quorum
- Open meetings
- Task force action



House Bill 3794 (2025)

Provisions & Tasks



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House Bill 3794 (2025): Key Provisions

- Task Force membership
- Policy framework
- LPRO and agency roles
- Timeline

83rd OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-2025 Regular Session

Enrolled House Bill 3794

Sponsored by Representative MCDONALD, Senators GELSER BLOUIN, PATTERSON; Representatives ANDERSEN, CHAICHI, DIEHL, EVANS, GOMBERG, HELM, WRIGHT; Senators JAMA, REYNOLDS

CHAPTER _____

AN ACT

Relating to municipal solid waste; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley is established.

(2) The task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the Senate, including one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.

(c) The Governor shall appoint eight members as follows:

(A) One member to represent the Governor;

(B) One member to represent a private hauler of solid waste that operates a landfill in the Willamette Valley;

(C) One member to represent the League of Oregon Cities;

(D) One member to represent the Association of Oregon Counties;

(E) Two members to represent environmental organizations; and

(F) Two members with subject matter expertise in the disposal of municipal solid waste.

(3) The task force shall:

(a) Study and identify solutions for solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley; and

(b) Review the findings and recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force convened by Benton County.

(4) The Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley may adopt the findings or recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force.

(5) A majority of the voting members of the Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

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

Enrolled House Bill 3794 (HB 3794-INTRO)

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House Bill 3794 (2025): Task Force Membership

- **Four non-voting Legislators** (two Senators, two Representatives)
- **Eight members representing:**
 - the Governor (1 member);
 - a private hauler of solid waste that operates a landfill in the Willamette Valley (1 member);
 - the League of Oregon Cities (1 member);
 - the Association of Oregon Counties (1 member);
 - environmental organizations (2 members); and
 - people with subject matter expertise in the disposal of municipal solid waste (2 members).
- **Chair and Vice-Chair** appointed by the Governor



House Bill 3794 (2025): Tasks

The Task Force shall:


- Study and identify solutions for solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley;
- Review the findings and recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force convened by Benton County; and
- Submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than December 15, 2026.

The Task Force may adopt the findings or recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force.



Task Force Operations

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Joint Task Force On Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley

Overview

Assigned Measures

Membership ▼

Chair	Pat Malone
Vice-Chair	Kristan Mitchell
Member	Senator Todd Nash
Member	Senator Courtney Neron Misslin
Member	Representative Ed Diehl
Member	Representative Sarah McDonald
Member	Courtney Flathers
Member	Julie Jackson
Member	Brian May
Member	Celeste Meiffren-Swango
Member	Crystal Weston
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- Welcome
- Member Introductions
- Adoption of Task Force Rules

Informational Meeting

[Invited Speakers Only](#)

Overview of House Bill 3794 (2025) Establishing Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley

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Remarks from House Bill 3794 (2025) Chief Sponsor

Rep. Sarah Finger McDonald, House District 16

Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Summary

Sean McGuire, Sustainability Coordinator, Board of Commissioners Office, Benton County


Next Steps

Pat Malone, Chair, Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley; Benton County Commissioner

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Task Force Member Participation

- In-person meetings
- Hybrid participation
- Alternates



Break

10 minutes

Suggestion: Camera and mic off

Remarks from House Bill 3794 (2025) Chief Sponsor

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Next Steps

Pat Malone, Chair



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Next Meeting

Friday, January 30, 2026

1:00–4:00 pm



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