

House Bill 2330

Sponsored by Representative OWENS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act creates a task force to come up with ideas to address fraudulent schemes that target the elderly. (Flesch Readability Score: 71.7).

Establishes the Task Force on Law Enforcement Interdiction Against Financial Scams on the Elderly. Directs the task force to prepare a list of standard terms, based on relevant federal law, regarding identification, investigation and prosecution of fraudulent schemes targeting the elderly and report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to information management and technology with recommendations for legislation.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to fraudulent schemes targeting the elderly; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Law Enforcement Interdiction against Financial**
5 **Scams on the Elderly is established, consisting of 20 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 (A) **One member who is a member of the Senate and a member of the majority party;**
8 **and**

9 (B) **One member who is a member of the Senate and a member of the minority party.**

10 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

11 (A) **One member who is a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the**
12 **majority party; and**

13 (B) **One member who is a member of the House of Representatives and a member of the**
14 **minority party.**

15 (c)(A) **The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall**
16 **jointly appoint seven members with expertise in one or more of the following areas:**

17 (i) **Computer science;**

18 (ii) **Cybercrime;**

19 (iii) **Elder abuse;**

20 (iv) **Financial crimes;**

21 (v) **Data privacy;**

22 (vi) **Law enforcement; and**

23 (vii) **Criminal law.**

24 (B) **The members appointed under this paragraph shall include:**

25 (i) **One member who represents an urban county sheriff's office.**

26 (ii) **One member who represents a rural county sheriff's office.**

27 (iii) **Two members who represent elderly interest groups.**

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 (iv) One member who has expertise in ethics and technology.

2 (v) One member who represents the Oregon District Attorneys Association and is an
3 expert in elder abuse or cybercrime prosecution.

4 (vi) One member who represents the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and
5 is an expert in elder abuse or cybercrime defense.

6 (d) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint one member who represents the
7 Judicial Department.

8 (e) The Governor shall appoint:

9 (A) The State Chief Information Officer or the officer's designee.

10 (B) Two members with expertise in cybercrime investigation and interdiction.

11 (C) Two members with expertise in elder abuse investigations and interdiction.

12 (D) One member who represents the banking community and has experience with elder
13 abuse investigations.

14 (E) The Attorney General or Attorney General's designee.

15 (F) The Superintendent of State Police or the superintendent's designee.

16 (2) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
17 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

18 (3)(a) The task force shall develop a list of standard terms and definitions for use in
19 legislation relating to cybercrimes, elder abuse fraud and the prevention, investigation and
20 prosecution of cybercrimes and elder abuse fraud. The task force shall base its list of terms
21 and definitions on the terms and definitions used by the federal government and relevant
22 enforcement techniques. The list of terms and definitions developed under this paragraph
23 must align as closely as possible with terms and definitions used by the federal government.

24 (b) The task force shall recommend legislation to enable law enforcement agencies in this
25 state to effectively interdict in fraudulent schemes that target the elderly and are committed
26 through telephone or online solicitations, including, but not limited to:

27 (A) Imposter schemes or enterprises, including threatening telephone calls from individ-
28 uals impersonating the Internal Revenue Service or other government agencies and tele-
29 phone calls of an individual representing the individual as a family member in peril;

30 (B) Fake technical support calls;

31 (C) Fake charity appeals;

32 (D) Lottery schemes;

33 (E) Bank fraud calls;

34 (F) Insurance, health care and debt schemes; and

35 (G) Use of artificial intelligence in promoting fraudulent schemes.

36 (c) In carrying out its duties under this subsection, the task force shall solicit input from
37 a broad range of stakeholders, including individuals from communities impacted by elder
38 abuse through fraudulent schemes, law enforcement agencies and others who may be im-
39 pacted by policies developed by the task force.

40 (4) The task force may:

41 (a) Make recommendations for legislation;

42 (b) Make recommendations for administrative rules interpreting existing legislation;

43 (c) Create and distribute public guidance, warnings and education to reduce harm;

44 (d) Create resource guides to law enforcement and agencies charged with protecting the
45 elderly;

1 (e) Make recommendations for improvements to law enforcement techniques designed to
2 apprehend offenders; and

3 (f) Make recommendations for interstate compacts and federal-state enforcement agree-
4 ments designed to enhance efforts to apprehend offenders.

5 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
6 transaction of business.

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

9 (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

10 (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
11 ment to become immediately effective.

12 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
13 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

14 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

15 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
16 shall include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
17 Assembly related to information management and technology no later than September 15,
18 2026.

19 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director and Legislative Fiscal Officer may
20 employ persons necessary for the performance of the functions of the task force. The Leg-
21 islative Policy and Research Director and the Legislative Fiscal Officer shall fix the duties
22 and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use the services of
23 continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the greatest extent
24 practicable.

25 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
26 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
27 force.

28 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
29 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
30 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
31 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2027.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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