

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2425

By COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKPLACE STANDARDS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, delete “prescribing an effective date” and insert “declaring
2 an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 22 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Ethical Procurement is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among
7 members of the Senate.**

8 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members
9 from among members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint seven members as follows:**

11 **“(A) A representative from the office of the Governor;**

12 **“(B) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, or a designee;**

13 **“(C) The Director of Transportation, or a designee;**

14 **“(D) The State Parks and Recreation Director, or a designee;**

15 **“(E) The State Forester, or a designee;**

16 **“(F) The Director of the State Department of Energy, or a designee; and**

17 **“(G) The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a designee.**

18 **“(3)(a) The task force shall devise methods for:**

19 **“(A) Verifying the identities of manufacturers, distributors, vendors or suppliers of pro-
20 ducts that public bodies procure in this state, with particular emphasis on electric vehicles,
21 solar photovoltaic energy systems and other electric products; and**

22 **“(B) Ensuring that public bodies in this state do not procure products, including electric
23 vehicles, solar photovoltaic energy systems or other electric products, whether completely
24 assembled and finished or as new or replacement parts or components, in which production,
25 including the mining of constituent materials and sourcing of parts, assembly, transportation
26 or sale of the products used or involved forced labor or oppressive child labor.**

27 **“(b) As used in paragraph (a) of this subsection:**

28 **“(A) ‘Electric products’ means products that use electricity to function and that, in the
29 determination of the task force, require an assessment of whether the production, assembly,
30 transportation or sale of the products involved forced labor or oppressive child labor.**

31 **“(B) ‘Electric vehicle’ means a motor vehicle that uses for propulsion electricity drawn
32 from a battery that may be recharged from an external source of electricity.**

33 **“(C) ‘Forced labor’ means work or service that an individual does involuntarily and:**

34 **“(i) Under compulsion from:**

35 **“(I) Force, fraud or coercion, including by a threat of serious harm to, or physical re-**

1 **straint of, the individual or a threat of serious harm to, or physical restraint of, another**
2 **person; or**

3 **“(II) An abuse or threatened abuse of the law or legal process;**

4 **“(ii) That constitutes oppressive child labor;**

5 **“(iii) That is uncompensated or extremely low paying, involves excessively long hours or**
6 **is unusually risky or hazardous; or**

7 **“(iv) That is assigned to or required from the individual on the basis of the individual’s**
8 **race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or membership in an-**
9 **other class that is recognized and protected by law.**

10 **“(D) ‘Oppressive child labor’ means work that employs a child that is 14 years of age or**
11 **younger and is hazardous for children.**

12 **“(E) ‘Public body’ means the state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, local govern-**
13 **ment, as defined in ORS 174.116, a special government body, as defined in ORS 174.117, the**
14 **Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Health and Science University and any intergovernmental**
15 **entity formed between or among any of the entities listed in this subparagraph.**

16 **“(F) ‘Solar photovoltaic energy system’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 757.360.**

17 **“(4)(a) In carrying out the purposes identified in subsection (3) of this section, the task**
18 **force shall:**

19 **“(A) Review solutions and best practices that are available from public and private enti-**
20 **ties and devise other solutions if necessary;**

21 **“(B) Identify obstacles and challenges and recommend methods for overcoming the ob-**
22 **stacles and challenges;**

23 **“(C) Evaluate evidence of the effectiveness of existing solutions and best practices and**
24 **recommend the most effective solutions or practices;**

25 **“(D) Devise criteria for testing the effectiveness of new solutions;**

26 **“(E) Identify needed technologies, processes or other resources; and**

27 **“(F) Investigate, evaluate and predict how implementing the solutions and best practices**
28 **that the task force recommends will affect the procurement practices of public bodies and**
29 **the availability of goods and services for public procurement, including electric vehicles, so-**
30 **lar photovoltaic energy systems and other electric products.**

31 **“(b) The task force may take testimony, conduct studies, consult experts, require public**
32 **bodies in this state to produce reports or other materials to aid in the task force’s investi-**
33 **gations and otherwise engage in activities needed to carry out the purposes described in**
34 **subsection (3) of this section.**

35 **“(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
36 **transaction of business.**

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

39 **“(7)(a) The Governor shall select one member of the task force to serve as chairperson**
40 **and another to serve as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers**
41 **necessary for the performance of the functions of the offices as the Governor determines.**

42 **“(b) A majority of the voting members of the task force, with the approval of the Gov-**
43 **ernor, may appoint additional members to the task force as needed to carry out the work**
44 **of the task force.**

45 **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**

1 ment to become immediately effective.

2 “(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
3 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force, but shall meet at least once each
4 month during the period in which the task force is active.

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

6 “(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
7 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
8 Assembly related to public procurement no later than December 15, 2026.

9 “(12) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to
10 the task force.

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

13 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly serve
14 as volunteers on the task force and, unless they are qualified members, as defined in ORS
15 292.495, are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

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

20 “(16) All appointments to the task force made under subsection (2) of this section must
21 be completed by the later of 90 days after adjournment sine die of the 2025 regular session
22 of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly or September 30, 2025.

23 “(17) The task force shall have its first meeting on or before the later of 91 days after
24 adjournment sine die of the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly or
25 October 15, 2025.

26 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.

27 “SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
28 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
29 on its passage.”.