

House Bill 2661

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act creates a task force on stopping petroleum contamination and tells the task force to carry out a study. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.8).

Establishes the Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to transportation on or before December 15, 2026.

Sunset on the task force on December 31, 2026.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to petroleum contamination; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Containment of Petroleum Contamination is estab-**
5 **lished.**

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

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
8 **Senate, each member being from a different political party.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives, each member being from a different political**
11 **party.**

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

13 **(A) One member representing the petroleum industry;**

14 **(B) One member representing the trucking industry;**

15 **(C) One member representing unions that represent truck drivers;**

16 **(D) One member representing the State Department of Energy;**

17 **(E) One member representing the Department of the State Fire Marshal;**

18 **(F) One member representing the Department of Transportation; and**

19 **(G) One member representing the Department of Environmental Quality.**

20 **(3) The task force shall:**

21 **(a) Study commercially available materials for petroleum leakage containment and pe-**
22 **troleum carrier protection that are approved by the United States Department of Defense**
23 **to provide significant reduction or total containment of petroleum contamination;**

24 **(b) Identify available and affordable technology that prevents petroleum spills; and**

25 **(c) Determine a reasonable manner of transition for industry and government petroleum**
26 **carriers to adopt the technology and minimize the risk of environmental damage associated**
27 **with petroleum spills.**

28 **(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and**

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 collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force's duties.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
13 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committee of the Legislative
14 Assembly related to transportation no later than December 15, 2026.

15 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
16 force.

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

19 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
20 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
21 force.

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

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

27 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
28 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

29