

House Bill 2345

Sponsored by Representative READ (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Establishes West Coast Critical Infrastructure Exchange Task Force. Sunsets task force on June 30, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to critical infrastructure development; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The West Coast Critical Infrastructure Exchange Task Force is estab-**
5 **lished, consisting of 10 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

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

11 (A) **One member with experience in critical infrastructure development and maintenance**
12 **in this state;**

13 (B) **One member with experience in private capital investment opportunities and strate-**
14 **gies;**

15 (C) **One member with experience managing public project development, delivery methods**
16 **and financing; and**

17 (D) **One member who has participated in regional discussions and collaborations regard-**
18 **ing west coast infrastructure status and needs.**

19 (d) **The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department shall appoint one**
20 **member who represents the Oregon Business Development Department.**

21 (e) **The State Treasurer shall appoint one member who represents the State Treasurer.**

22 (2) **The task force shall make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly regarding:**

23 (a) **Participation in a west coast infrastructure exchange effort that partners with**
24 **innovators in other states and regions on the west coast to assess the status of existing**
25 **infrastructures and to develop and implement critical infrastructure projects, including but**
26 **not limited to projects involving energy transmission and efficiency, water storage capacity,**
27 **municipal water systems and wastewater management.**

28 (b) **Possible strategies to enhance, improve and maintain critical infrastructure systems**
29 **on the west coast, including but not limited to:**

30 (A) **Bundling of similar critical infrastructure projects;**

31 (B) **Creation of performance-based partnerships to manage projects more efficiently;**

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 (C) Collection of consistent, comprehensive and high quality data regarding existing
2 infrastructure systems and potential infrastructure enhancements and development;

3 (D) Collaboration with industry experts and innovators; and

4 (E) Provision of technical assistance to design and finance critical infrastructure
5 projects.

6 (c) Creating and implementing new mechanisms and strategies for financing critical
7 infrastructure projects, including but not limited to attracting private investors that have
8 traditionally not invested in public infrastructure.

9 (3) The task force shall prepare a written report containing the task force's recommen-
10 dations under subsection (2) of this section.

11 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
12 transaction of business.

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

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

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

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

20 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

21 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
22 shall include the report containing the task force's recommendations required under sub-
23 section (3) of this section, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
24 infrastructure and business development, as appropriate, no later than October 1, 2014.

25 (11) The State Treasurer shall provide staff support to the task force.

26 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
27 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
28 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
29 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
30 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Business Development
31 Department for purposes of the task force.

32 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
33 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
34 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
35 consider necessary to perform their duties.

36 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on June 30, 2015.

37 **SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
39 on its passage.

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