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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 768

1 On <u>page 1</u> of the printed bill, line 2, after "government;" delete the rest 2 of the line and line 3 and insert "and declaring an emergency.".

3 Delete lines 5 through 30 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 "SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Civil Rights Task Force is established

5 in the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The task force shall consist of:

- 6 "(a) One member from each of the following agencies:
- 7 "(A) The Department of Justice;
- 8 "(B) The Employment Department;
- 9 "(C) The Department of Consumer and Business Services;
- 10 "(D) The Bureau of Labor and Industries;
- 11 "(E) The Department of Human Services;
- 12 "(F) The Commission on Black Affairs;
- 13 "(G) The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs;
- 14 "(H) The Commission on Hispanic Affairs;
- 15 "(I) The Commission for Women;
- 16 "(J) The Oregon Disabilities Commission; and

"(K) Other state agencies that enter into the intergovernmental
 agreement described in subsection (13) of this section.

"(b) Four members of the public with expertise and experience in
 discrimination and equity issues, one appointed by each of the follow ing:

22 "(A) The Majority Leader of the Senate;

1 "(B) The Minority Leader of the Senate;

2 "(C) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

3 "(D) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

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

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

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

"(5) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

15 "(7) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
 16 the task force.

17 **"(8) The task force shall:**

"(a) Develop guidelines for identifying, avoiding and eliminating
 discriminatory practices in state government;

"(b) Share expertise and information related to addressing systemic
 inequalities in Oregon;

"(c) Study investigative capabilities and compliance mechanisms
 currently in place in state agencies to address discrimination and eq uity issues;

"(d) Identify opportunities for and obstacles to eliminating compli ance with laws relating to discrimination in Oregon;

"(e) Develop a plan for implementing a coordinated enforcement process for laws relating to discrimination in Oregon and for eliminating inequalities that is efficient, fair and effective both for the public and for the regulatory agencies charged with enforcing those 1 laws; and

"(f) Take such other action as the member agencies deem appropriate to improve compliance with laws relating to discrimination in
Oregon.

"(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in
ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an
interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to business and
labor no later than October 1, 2014.

9 "(10) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall provide staff support
10 to the task force.

"(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Bureau of Labor and Industries for purposes of the task force.

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

"(13)(a) The agencies identified in subsection (1)(a) of this section 22shall enter into an intergovernmental agreement for the purpose of 23coordinating the efforts of the agencies under this section. Any other 24agency of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, that has an 25interest in compliance with laws relating to discrimination in Oregon 26may become a member of the task force by entering into the agree-27ment on such terms as may be prescribed by the agencies identified 28in subsection (1)(a) of this section. 29

30 "(b) Any agency that is a member of the task force may enter into

an agreement with another member agency to provide information to the other agency. Information provided to an agency under this subsection may be used by the agency only for the purpose of enforcing compliance with laws that are administered by the agency.

"SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of
the convening of the 2015 regular session of the Legislative Assembly
as specified in ORS 171.010.

8 "<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate 9 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is 10 declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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