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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on Data Centers. Requires task force to examine issues related to data centers in Oregon. Authorizes task force to presession file legislation. Requires task force to report to Legislative Assembly during 2016 regular session.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to data centers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Data Centers is established, consisting of eight members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from among members of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members from among members of the House of Representatives.

(2) The task force shall examine issues related to data centers in Oregon, including how data center property should be assessed for purposes of property taxation and whether the property is, or should be considered, the property of a company described in ORS 308.515 that performs the business of communication as defined in ORS 308.505.

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

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

1 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-
2 person.

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

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

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

10 (9) The task force may presession file legislation in the manner
11 provided in ORS 171.130 for interim committees. All legislation re-
12 commended by official action of the task force must indicate that it
13 is introduced at the request of the task force.

14 (10) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the
15 manner provided in ORS 192.245 at any time during the 2016 regular
16 session of the Legislative Assembly that the President and Speaker
17 may designate.

18 (11) The task force shall be staffed by the Legislative Revenue Of-
19 ficer.

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

25 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,
26 2016.

27 SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
28 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
29 clared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.