

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3314

By COMMITTEE ON RULES

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 “**SECTION 1.** Sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act shall be known and may be cited as the
3 Strategic Public Policy Review Act.

4 “**SECTION 2.** The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

5 “(1) The Legislative Assembly has historically served as the forum through which stra-
6 tegic public policy transformation is developed;

7 “(2) Over more recent decades in this state’s history, much long-term public policy de-
8 velopment has shifted over to state agencies and the executive branch, as the Legislative
9 Assembly has increasingly become focused on short-term outcomes and reactive decision-
10 making;

11 “(3) The people of Oregon will benefit from the Legislative Assembly undertaking a more
12 strategically focused, long-term approach to systematically developing, reviewing and refin-
13 ing major public policy initiatives; and

14 “(4) Sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act establish a process by which the Legislative Assembly
15 will undertake review of targeted public policy areas over a long-term period in order to fa-
16 cilitate legislatively driven policy development and outcome accountability in major public
17 policy areas.

18 “**SECTION 3.** (1) There is created a Joint Committee on Strategic Public Policy Review,
19 consisting of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives as
20 co-chairs and members of the Senate appointed by the President and members of the House
21 of Representatives appointed by the Speaker.

22 “(2) The committee has a continuing existence and may meet, act and conduct its busi-
23 ness during sessions of the Legislative Assembly or any recess thereof, and in the interim
24 between sessions.

25 “(3) The term of a member shall expire upon the date of the convening of a new Legis-
26 lative Assembly next following the commencement of the member’s term. When a vacancy
27 occurs in the membership of the committee after the appointment of the member and before
28 the convening of the next Legislative Assembly, until the vacancy is filled, the membership
29 of the committee shall be considered not to include the vacant position for the purpose of
30 determining whether a quorum is present, and a quorum is a majority of the remaining
31 members as determined under subsection (5) of this section.

32 “(4) Members of the committee shall receive an amount equal to that authorized under
33 ORS 171.072 from funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for each day spent in the
34 performance of their duties as members of the committee or any subcommittee thereof in
35 lieu of reimbursement for in-state travel expenses. However, when engaged in out-of-state

1 travel, members shall be entitled to receive their actual and necessary expenses therefor in
2 lieu of the amount authorized by this subsection. Payment shall be made from funds appro-
3 priated to the Legislative Assembly.

4 “(5) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is present. A quorum
5 consists of a majority of committee members from the House of Representatives and a ma-
6 jority of committee members from the Senate.

7 “(6) Action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of committee
8 members from the House of Representatives and a majority of committee members from the
9 Senate.

10 “(7) The Legislative Administrator shall furnish to the committee such services of per-
11 sonnel and such other facilities as are necessary to enable the committee to carry out its
12 functions as directed by law. All other public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, shall assist
13 the committee in the performance of its work and duties.

14 **“SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section:**

15 “(a) ‘Eligible policy’ means a policy that has been in effect and operable for at least two
16 years prior to being identified for review by the Joint Committee on Strategic Public Policy
17 Review, but does not include a review of any budget bill or bill authorizing the issuance of
18 bonded indebtedness.

19 “(b) ‘Policy’ means any of the following:

20 “(A) A program undertaken by a state agency to achieve an outcome or a set of out-
21 comes;

22 “(B) A single provision of law or group of interrelated laws that are interrelated due to
23 subject matter or programmatic relation, the interrelatedness determined without regard to
24 the date of enactment of the laws in question; or

25 “(C) A series of coordinated actions undertaken by one or more public bodies, as defined
26 in ORS 174.109, to implement or administer a law, program or other identified result.

27 “(2)(a) Within 90 days after the adjournment sine die of an odd-numbered year regular
28 session, the Joint Committee on Strategic Public Policy Review shall select between two and
29 four eligible policies for review under this section that are related to any of the following
30 topics:

31 “(A) Transportation.

32 “(B) Education.

33 “(C) Health care.

34 “(D) Law enforcement, corrections and the judicial process.

35 “(E) Natural resources and the environment.

36 “(F) Economic development.

37 “(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the committee may select eligible
38 policies from different topic areas than those set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

39 “(3) For each eligible policy selected under subsection (2) of this section, the committee
40 shall prepare a bill for introduction during the next even-numbered year regular session that
41 provides any of the following types of review of the policy, including any combination of the
42 following different types of review:

43 “(a) Establishing a task force, and identifying the types, numbers and qualifications of
44 individuals to serve on the task force, to comprehensively study the policy in question and
45 report back to the committee by a fixed time established in the bill on recommendations with

1 respect to the policy in question.

2 “(b) Directing that an audit be performed on the policy under review, including but not
3 limited to determining the type of audit to be performed, the criteria to be employed and the
4 time frame involved in the audit. The committee may assign specific tasks for the perform-
5 ance of the audit to the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Division of Audits or other state
6 agencies, and shall fix a date by which the audit report prepared pursuant to this paragraph
7 is to be presented to the committee.

8 “(c) Directing that a state agency study the policy under review and report back to the
9 committee by a fixed time established in the bill on recommendations with respect to the
10 policy.

11 “(d) Directing the Legislative Counsel to review all administrative rules related to the
12 policy under review and report back to the committee on the degree to which the rules re-
13 flect the legislative objectives, legislative history and legislative intent of the policy in ques-
14 tion. The bill shall fix a date by which the Legislative Counsel is to report back to the
15 committee.

16 “(e) Directing one or more state agencies to follow through on a budget note related to
17 the policy in question, including but not limited to specific actions to be undertaken by the
18 agency. The bill shall fix a date by which the agency shall report back to the committee on
19 actions undertaken by the agency.

20 “(4) Each policy review undertaken under subsection (3) of this section, unless the con-
21 text requires otherwise, shall consider:

22 “(a) The degree to which the implementation of the policy is achieving the intent and
23 objectives of the Legislative Assembly;

24 “(b) The degree to which the implementation of the policy is achieving improvement in
25 the provision of services to the public;

26 “(c) The degree to which the implementation of the policy improves efficiencies in the
27 provision of services to the public;

28 “(d) The degree to which there is an effective and appropriate use of those public funds
29 that are being expended as a result of the policy; and

30 “(e) Any other factors the committee considers helpful in assessing the overall effec-
31 tiveness of the policy or the implementation of the policy, as specified in the bill providing
32 for the review.

33 “(5) The committee, or any entity acting at the behest of the Legislative Assembly pur-
34 suant to a review undertaken as described in subsection (3) of this section, may require re-
35 ports, testimony, analysis or any other assistance from any public body, as defined in ORS
36 174.109, in conducting the review.

37 “(6) The committee may make recommendations for additional legislative changes at any
38 time that is in compliance with deadlines established by the Legislative Assembly for making
39 nonpriority requests for legislation.

40 “(7) ORS 173.240 and 173.740 (3) do not apply to the Legislative Counsel, the Legislative
41 Administrator or their designees in the performance of any work undertaken pursuant to
42 this section.

43 “SECTION 5. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
44 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
45 on its passage.”.

