

# Senate Bill 969

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## 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**.

Establishes Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing.  
Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2015.  
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to persons with criminal convictions; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing is established,**  
5 **consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the**  
10 **minority party.**

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint 11 members as follows:**

12 (A) **One member to represent the office of the Governor.**

13 (B) **One member to represent the Employment Department.**

14 (C) **One member to represent community colleges.**

15 (D) **One member to represent the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.**

16 (E) **One member to represent housing and community development.**

17 (F) **One member to represent parole and probation personnel.**

18 (G) **One member to represent counties.**

19 (H) **One member to represent building trades.**

20 (I) **One member to represent Oregon businesses.**

21 (J) **One member to represent housing advocates.**

22 (K) **One member to represent reentry advocates.**

23 (2) **The task force shall study and recommend methods and actions that the state and**  
24 **local governments may reasonably undertake to:**

25 (a) **Improve the experience of reentry into nonincarcerated daily living for persons with**  
26 **a criminal conviction;**

27 (b) **Expand employment opportunities for persons with a criminal conviction;**

28 (c) **Assist with identifying and providing housing opportunities for persons with a crimi-**  
29 **nal conviction; and**

30 (d) **Create certificates and a certification process for persons with a criminal conviction.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

11       **(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may**  
12 **include recommendations for legislation, to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly**  
13 **related to housing and workforce development no later than December 15, 2015.**

14       **(10) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to the task force.**

15       **(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**  
16 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**  
17 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**  
18 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions**  
19 **of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Housing and Community**  
20 **Services Department for purposes of the task force.**

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

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

26       **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**  
28 **on its passage.**

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