

House Bill 2501

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G (Pre-session filed.)

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 Green Energy Corridors.
Sunsets December 31, 2020.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a task force on green energy corridors; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Green Energy Corridors is established, consisting of**
5 **11 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among mem-**
7 **bers of the Senate.**

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

10 (c) **The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall appoint**
11 **nine voting members with expertise in land use.**

12 (2) **The task force shall study and make recommendations regarding development of**
13 **green energy corridors, which engage in the planning and development necessary to ensure**
14 **that transmission infrastructure is available to transfer electricity generated from renewable**
15 **energy sources from the generation site to load centers, otherwise integrate renewable en-**
16 **ergy resources into electricity grids and help balance energy facility development with pro-**
17 **tection of natural resources such as highly productive agricultural land.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (9) **The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**
29 **include recommendations for legislation, to an appropriate interim committee of the Legis-**
30 **lative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020.**

31 (10) **The Department of Land Conservation and Development shall provide staff support**

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 to the task force.

2 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
3 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
4 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
5 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
6 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Land Conser-
7 vation and Development for purposes of the task force.

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

12 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

13 SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2019
14 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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