

House Bill 2826

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG

SUMMARY

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Repeals definitions applicable to Oregon Disabilities Commission. Removes cap on number of terms that may be served by members of commission. Requires Governor to consider recommendations for appointments to commission from disability advocacy and support groups and both agencies and organizations.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Oregon Disabilities Commission; amending ORS 185.130 and 185.150; and repealing
3 ORS 185.110.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 185.130 is amended to read:

6 185.130. (1) The Oregon Disabilities Commission is created within the Department of Human
7 Services. The commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor for [*not more than two*
8 *consecutive*] three-year terms. **A member is eligible for reappointment.**

9 (2) Prior to making appointments, the Governor shall request and consider recommendations
10 from [*advocate self-help*] **disability advocacy and support** groups and other interested public and
11 private agencies **and organizations**.

12 (3) The membership of the commission shall be composed of members broadly representative of
13 major public and private agencies **and organizations** who are experienced in or have demonstrated
14 particular interest in the special needs of individuals with disabilities and consumers. Appointments
15 shall be made with considerations given to geographic representation and a majority shall be indi-
16 viduals with disabilities [*as defined in ORS 185.110 (3)*].

17 **SECTION 2.** ORS 185.150 is amended to read:

18 185.150. The duties of the Oregon Disabilities Commission may include:

19 (1) Identifying and hearing the concerns of individuals with disabilities;

20 (2) Publicizing the needs and concerns of individuals with disabilities as they relate to the full
21 achievement of economic, social, legal and political equity;

22 (3) Advising the Department of Human Services, the Governor, the Legislative Assembly and
23 appropriate state agency administrators on how state services for individuals with disabilities might
24 be improved or better coordinated to meet the needs of the individuals with disabilities;

25 (4) Advising local government agencies on matters which affect individuals with disabilities;

26 (5) Submitting a report of commission activities and recommendations to the Governor at least
27 annually, and to the Legislative Assembly at least biennially and nominating qualified individuals
28 with disabilities for appointment to boards, commissions and policy level management and profes-
29 sional positions;

30 (6) Studying and reporting on state agency programs and budgets that affect individuals with

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 disabilities;

2 (7) Informing individuals with disabilities where they may obtain assistance in rehabilitation and
3 employment and about laws prohibiting discrimination in employment as a result of disability;

4 (8) Cooperating with and assisting other interest groups in rehabilitation and employment of
5 individuals with disabilities and encouraging public and private employers to undertake affirmative
6 action to assure equitable employment of individuals with disabilities;

7 (9) Giving impetus and assistance to local community committees and fostering a more equitable
8 climate for rehabilitation and equitable employment of individuals with disabilities;

9 (10) Promoting a continuous program of information and education to employers and the general
10 public so they are aware of and sensitive to the needs and desires of individuals with disabilities for
11 equitable education and training that will assure individuals with disabilities of their full vocational
12 potentials; **and**

13 (11) Promoting a continuous information program for placement of individuals with disabilities
14 in suitable employment[; *and*].

15 [*(12) Coordinating and executing programs of the President's Committee on Employment of the*
16 *Handicapped, if any, and participating with other groups in sponsoring suitable public recognition*
17 *programs for individuals with disabilities.*]

18 **SECTION 3. ORS 185.110 is repealed.**

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