

Requested by Representative ZIKA

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2494**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “charge;” delete the rest of the
2 line and insert “and prescribing an effective date.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 32 and delete pages 2 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Public Purpose Charge is**
5 **established.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 10 members appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from**
8 **among members of the Senate that serve on one or more committees**
9 **related to energy, one of whom shall be selected by the Minority**
10 **Leader of the Senate.**

11 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two**
12 **members from among members of the House of Representatives that**
13 **serve on one or more committees related to energy, one of whom shall**
14 **be selected by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.**

15 **“(c) The Director of the State Department of Energy or the designee**
16 **of the director shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member.**

17 **“(d) The chairperson of the Public Utility Commission shall appoint**
18 **the following five voting members:**

19 **“(A) One member who represents a nongovernmental entity that is**
20 **paid funds collected through public purpose charges under ORS 757.612**
21 **for investment in public purposes;**

1 **“(B) One member who represents the interest of environmental**
2 **justice communities;**

3 **“(C) One member who represents the interests of electric companies**
4 **that collect public purposes charges under ORS 757.612; and**

5 **“(D) Two members who otherwise represent the interests of persons**
6 **concerned with the public purpose expenditure standard established**
7 **under ORS 757.612.**

8 **“(3) The task force shall review the effectiveness of the public pur-**
9 **pose expenditure standard established under ORS 757.612 and develop**
10 **recommendations on whether ORS 757.612 (2) should be amended to**
11 **extend the period within which a public purpose charge is required to**
12 **be collected from retail electricity consumers.**

13 **“(4) The task force may consider and make recommendations on**
14 **any other matters pertinent to evaluating the public purpose expendi-**
15 **ture standard, public purpose charges and the investment of funds**
16 **collected through public purposes charges in public purposes.**

17 **“(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
18 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

19 **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
20 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**

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

23 **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
24 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

30 **“(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**

1 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
2 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to energy
3 no later than September 15, 2020.

4 “(12) The Public Utility Commission shall provide staff support to
5 the task force.

6 “(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task
7 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-
8 visory capacity only.

9 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
10 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement
11 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

17 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31,
18 2020.

19 “SECTION 3. This 2019 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
20 date on which the 2019 regular session of the Eightieth Legislative
21 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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