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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on Location Transfers of Stored Water. Directs task force to report to Interim House Committee on Water no later than September 15, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to transfers of stored water; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Location Transfers of Stored Water is established.

(2) The task force consists of seven voting members and four non-voting members, appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among members of the Senate to act only in an advisory capacity.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member from among members of the House of Representatives to act only in advisory capacity.

(c) The Governor shall appoint as voting members:

(A) One member representing agricultural interests.

(B) One member representing irrigation districts.

(C) One member representing the nursery industry.

(D) Two members representing the conservation community.

(E) One member representing small municipal water providers.

(F) One member representing large municipal water providers.

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 (d) Of the voting members described in paragraph (c)(E) and (F) of
2 this subsection, one must represent special districts and one must
3 represent cities.

4 (e) The Governor shall appoint as nonvoting members, to provide
5 information and advice to the task force:

6 (A) One member from the State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

7 (B) One member from the Department of State Lands.

8 (3) The task force shall review the existing regulatory framework
9 applicable to projects seeking to transfer the location of stored water
10 and develop recommendations to facilitate location transfers of stored
11 water.

12 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
13 a quorum for the transaction of business.

14 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-
15 jority of the voting members of the task force.

16 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-
17 person.

18 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
19 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

20 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
21 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the
22 task force.

23 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
24 the task force.

25 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
26 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
27 the Interim House Committee on Water no later than September 15,
28 2022.

29 (11) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support
30 to the task force.

31 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-

