

House Bill 2834

Sponsored by Representative REARDON (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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Modifies membership of Hunger Task Force.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Hunger Task Force; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 458.532.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 458.532 is amended to read:

458.532. (1) The Hunger Task Force is established in the Department of Human Services. The task force shall consist of not more than 28 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.

(b) The Senate Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the Senate.

(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.

(d) The House Minority Leader shall appoint one member from among members of the House of Representatives.

(e) The President and the Speaker shall coordinate to jointly appoint one member from among the members of the Legislative Assembly who is serving on a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to human services.

[(e)] (f) The Director of Human Services, with the advice of the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, shall appoint the following:

(A) Ten members who represent organizations that serve or advocate for people affected by hunger including organizations from among the following:

(i) Food banks.

(ii) Direct service providers.

(iii) Food systems.

(iv) Migrant farm workers.

(v) The religious community.

(vi) Educational institutions.

(vii) Low-income advocacy groups.

(viii) Culturally specific organizations.

(ix) Mutual aid or emergency disaster response.

(x) Poverty-related public policy.

(B) Nine members who represent residents of this state who suffer the highest rates of hunger or who currently lack opportunities for food security because of discrimination based on race or ethnicity or inadequate financial resources.

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 [(A)] (C) One member representing the Department of Education who has experience in child
2 nutrition programs.

3 [(B)] (D) One member representing the Department of Human Services who has experience in
4 the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

5 [(C)] (E) One member representing the Oregon Health Authority who has experience in the
6 Women, Infants and Children program.

7 [(D)] (F) One member representing the State Department of Agriculture.

8 [(E)] *One member representing the Oregon Food Bank.*

9 [(F)] *One member representing United Way of America or a successor organization.*

10 [(G)] *One member representing an Oregon low-income advocacy group.*

11 [(H)] *One member who is a student at an institution of higher education.*

12 [(I)] *One member representing the Community Action Partnership of Oregon.*

13 [(J)] *One member representing the food retailing industry.*

14 [(K)] *One member representing the food growing and processing industries.*

15 [(L)] *One member who is a direct service provider.*

16 [(M)] *One member representing county government.*

17 [(N)] *One member representing the migrant community.*

18 [(O)] *Three members representing the religious community.*

19 [(P)] *One member representing the Housing and Community Services Department.*

20 [(Q)] *No more than six additional members having qualifications other than those of members de-
21 scribed in subparagraphs (A) to (P) of this paragraph.*

22 **(2) When selecting members of the task force under subsection (1)(f) of this section, the
23 Director of Human Services shall take into consideration geographic and demographic di-
24 versity.**

25 [(2)] (3) A member serves for a three-year term. A member may be reappointed. **Before the
26 expiration of the term of a member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose
27 term begins on July 1 next following.**

28 [(3)] (4) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment
29 to become immediately effective for the unexpired term. The appointing authority may appoint a
30 replacement for any member of the task force who misses more than two consecutive meetings of
31 the task force.

32 [(4)] (5) *[One-half]* **A majority of the voting members** of the task force membership constitutes
33 a quorum for the transaction of business.

34 **(6) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
35 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.**

36 [(5)] (7) The Director of Human Services shall provide for the payment of appropriate task force
37 operating expenses, including but not limited to staff support, based upon the availability of
38 legislatively approved funding for such purposes.

39 **SECTION 2. (1) On June 30, 2022, the term of office of members of the Hunger Task
40 Force then holding office shall cease. A member whose term of office has been terminated
41 by this subsection is eligible for reappointment to the Hunger Task Force.**

42 **(2) Notwithstanding the term of office specified in ORS 458.532, of the members first ap-
43 pointed to the Hunger Task Force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly, on July
44 1, 2022:**

45 **(a) Seven shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2023.**

- 1 **(b) Eight shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2024.**
 - 2 **(c) Eight shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2025.**
 - 3 **SECTION 3.** **Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**
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