

House Bill 2916

Sponsored by Representative WILLIAMS (Presession 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 Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force. Establishes Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force. Establishes Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force. Requires task forces to study and make recommendations on technologies and practices that benefit economy and environment.

Sunset January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to strategies for environmentally beneficial economic growth; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force is established.**

4 **(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**

5 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the**
6 **Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.**

7 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the**
8 **majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of**
9 **the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in the**
11 **management of forest resources or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon com-**
12 **munities most closely linked with the forest products industry.**

13 **(3) The task force shall:**

14 **(a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.**

15 **(b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to**
16 **the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under section 2 of this 2021**
17 **Act and the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under section 3 of this 2021**
18 **Act to periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the**
19 **duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.**

20 **(c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:**

21 **(A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;**

22 **(B) Enhance climate resilience;**

23 **(C) Restore ecosystems; and**

24 **(D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have**
25 **been impacted by declines in the forest products industry.**

26 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
27 **transaction of business.**

28 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
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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 members of the task force.

2 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

3 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
4 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

8 (10) The State Forestry Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

9 (11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
10 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

11 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
12 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
13 force.

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

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force is established.

19 (2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

20 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the
21 Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.

22 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the
23 majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of
24 the House of Representatives.

25 (c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in
26 agriculture or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon communities most closely
27 linked with the agricultural industry.

28 (3) The task force shall:

29 (a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

30 (b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to
31 the Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section 1 of this 2021 Act and
32 the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under section 3 of this 2021 Act to
33 periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the duties
34 described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

35 (c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:

36 (A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;

37 (B) Enhance climate resilience;

38 (C) Restore ecosystems; and

39 (D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have
40 been impacted by declines in the agricultural industry.

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

43 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
44 members of the task force.

45 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

1 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
2 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

6 (10) The State Department of Agriculture shall provide staff support to the task force.

7 (11) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
8 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

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

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

16 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force is established.

17 (2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

18 (a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the
19 Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.

20 (b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the
21 majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of
22 the House of Representatives.

23 (c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members who are knowledgeable and experienced in
24 industries that rely on marine resources or knowledgeable of the economies of rural Oregon
25 communities most closely linked with those industries.

26 (3) The task force shall:

27 (a) Carry out the duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

28 (b) Select at least three but no more than five members who shall serve as liaisons to
29 the Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section 1 of this 2021 Act and
30 the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under section 2 of this 2021
31 Act to periodically discuss the progress of their respective task forces in carrying out the
32 duties described in section 4 of this 2021 Act.

33 (c) In consultation with the Oregon Global Warming Commission, develop a plan to:

34 (A) Accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal;

35 (B) Enhance climate resilience;

36 (C) Restore ecosystems; and

37 (D) Identify opportunities for economic expansion in rural Oregon communities that have
38 been impacted by declines in industries that rely on marine resources.

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

41 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
42 members of the task force.

43 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

44 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
45 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

4 (10) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife shall provide staff support to the task
5 force.

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

8 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
9 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
10 force.

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

15 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force established under section
16 1 of this 2021 Act, the Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force established under sec-
17 tion 2 of this 2021 Act and the Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force established under
18 section 3 of this 2021 Act shall, with an emphasis on their respective economic sectors and
19 communities, study and develop recommendations for existing and emerging technologies
20 and practices that, if adopted, would improve economic growth and environmental health.

21 (2) In developing recommendations, each task force described in subsection (1) of this
22 section shall:

23 (a) Conduct an analysis of technologies and practices that could serve their respective
24 communities, including:

25 (A) A description of current efforts to improve economic growth while improving the
26 environment and the stakeholders involved in those efforts;

27 (B) The marginal costs of adopting new technologies and practices; and

28 (C) The effects of adopting new technologies or practices on job and economic growth,
29 tax revenue, public health and the environment.

30 (b) Identify opportunities for collaboration between public bodies, as defined in ORS
31 174.109, and the federal government to encourage private sector investment in the reduction
32 or sequestration of atmospheric carbon through carbon offset programs.

33 (c) Identify emerging technologies, evaluate the readiness of those technologies for use
34 and identify technologies for which further research and development will be beneficial.

35 (d) Identify any regulatory barriers to implementing technologies or practices and make
36 recommendations for legislation to eliminate those barriers.

37 (e) Identify public-private partnership models that are capable of spurring private in-
38 vestment in new technologies or practices.

39 (f) Identify methods for monitoring and evaluating the impact of adopting new technolo-
40 gies or practices.

41 (3) Each task force described in subsection (1) of this section shall provide the task
42 force's recommendations in a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative
43 Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2022.

44 **SECTION 5.** Sections 1 to 4 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2023.

45 **SECTION 6.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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