

# A-Engrossed House Bill 4141

Ordered by the House February 23  
Including House Amendments dated February 23

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, CAMPOS; Representatives ALONSO LEON, HELM, HOY, RUIZ, SANCHEZ, SCHOUTEN, SMITH G, WILDE, Senators DEMBROW, HANSELL, PATTERSON (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.

*[Establishes timeline for restrictions on sales of petroleum diesel for use in motor vehicles. Establishes timeline for restrictions on purchase of petroleum diesel for use in motor vehicles by public bodies.]*

*[Directs State Department of Agriculture to suspend enforcement of restrictions if supply of renewable diesel is determined to be insufficient to meet anticipated demand.]*

*[Directs State Forestry Department to study feasibility of converting lignocellulosic biomass derived from invasive tree species into renewable diesel feedstocks.]*

**Establishes Task Force on Renewable Diesel. Directs task force to study availability of renewable diesel, estimate current and future demand for diesel fuels, study incentives for increasing availability of renewable diesel and study implications of removing petroleum diesel from state marketplace.**

**Sunsets January 2, 2023.**

**Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.**

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to diesel fuel; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Renewable Diesel is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of**  
7 **the Senate, including one member from the majority party and one member from the mi-**  
8 **nority party.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
10 **the members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the majority party**  
11 **and one member from the minority party.**

12 **(c) The Governor shall appoint nine members as follows:**

13 **(A) One representative of truck owners with extensive experience using renewable diesel**  
14 **as a primary fuel source;**

15 **(B) One representative of an association representing the trucking industry;**

16 **(C) One representative of the renewable diesel industry;**

17 **(D) One representative of a major diesel fuel manufacturer;**

18 **(E) One representative of a major diesel fuel marketer and distributor;**

19 **(F) One representative of an association representing the construction industry with ex-**  
20 **tensive experience using diesel fuel for nonroad purposes;**

21 **(G) One representative of an association representing businesses that use diesel fuel for**

**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 nonroad purposes; and

2 (H) Two representatives of the environmental community.

3 (d) The following shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the task force:

4 (A) The Director of Agriculture or the director's designee;

5 (B) The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the director's designee;

6 and

7 (C) The Director of the State Department of Energy or the director's designee.

8 (3) The task force shall:

9 (a) Study the availability of renewable diesel in this state and incentives for increasing  
10 the availability of renewable diesel.

11 (b) Develop estimates of current and future demand for diesel fuels in this state, includ-  
12 ing separate estimates for:

13 (A) The Portland metropolitan area;

14 (B) The portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains; and

15 (C) The portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains.

16 (c) Analyze the cost difference between renewable diesel and other fuels, including pe-  
17 troleum diesel, using market data from Oil Price Information Service, and calculate the  
18 supply and demand implications if petroleum diesel is removed from the marketplace. An  
19 analysis under this paragraph may include:

20 (A) A baseline cost of diesel using a national average;

21 (B) An examination of other state costs and incentives specific to diesel fuel; and

22 (C) An examination of implications for the supply of nonroad diesel fuel.

23 (4) The task force may, upon the approval of a majority of the voting members of the  
24 task force, study or develop recommendations for matters related to the availability of  
25 renewable diesel in addition to those described in subsection (3) of this section.

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

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

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

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

33 (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
34 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

35 (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

36 (11) The task force shall submit a report, which may include recommendations for legis-  
37 lation, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative  
38 Assembly related to the environment no later than December 31, 2022.

39 (12) The State Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Energy shall  
40 jointly provide staff support to the task force.

41 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
42 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

43 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
44 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
45 force.

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

5       **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

6       **SECTION 3.** **This 2022 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2022**  
7 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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