

House Bill 2137

Sponsored by Representative MANNIX (Pre-session 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 Willamette River Bridge Task Force.
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2024.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to Willamette River bridges; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Willamette River Bridge Task Force is established.**

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

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate who represents a district that is within 30 miles of the Wheatland Ferry.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives who represents a district that is within 30 miles**
10 **of the Wheatland Ferry.**

11 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

12 **(A) Three members chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Marion County**
13 **Board of County Commissioners; and**

14 **(B) Three members chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Polk County**
15 **Board of County Commissioners.**

16 **(3) The task force shall study strategies for the financing, construction and maintenance**
17 **of an additional bridge crossing the Willamette River connecting Marion and Polk Counties**
18 **in the Salem area.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
30 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
31 **Assembly related to transportation no later than December 15, 2023.**

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 **(11) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the task force.**

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

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

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

11 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.**

12 **SECTION 3.** **This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
14 **on its passage.**

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