

House Bill 2483

Sponsored by Representative OWENS, Senator FINDLEY (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**.

Requires legislative task forces and work groups to provide public notice of upcoming meetings and audio or video links to permit members of public to contemporaneously listen to or observe meetings. Requires task forces and work groups to permit public to provide comment on matters before task force or work group.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to meetings of groups formed to aid legislation; and prescribing an effective date.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

4 (a) **The legislative process in the State of Oregon requires an informed public aware of**
5 **the deliberations and issues that come before the Legislative Assembly.**

6 (b) **The complexity of issues that the Legislative Assembly addresses often requires the**
7 **efforts of a task force or work group to aid in the development of proposed legislation and**
8 **to assess the effectiveness of recently enacted legislation.**

9 (c) **Opportunity for public comment on the efforts of task forces and work groups to de-**
10 **velop proposed legislation or to assess enacted legislation will enhance the likelihood of the**
11 **legislation achieving sought objectives promptly.**

12 (2) **The Legislative Assembly declares that the efforts of task forces and work groups**
13 **will be more effective, efficient and accurate if the public has the opportunity to observe task**
14 **force and work group meetings and provide comment on task force and work group activ-**
15 **ities.**

16 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

17 (a) **"Task force" means a body:**

18 (A) **Of two or more individuals that is established by statute or resolution or by decision**
19 **of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives;**

20 (B) **That has at least one member of the Legislative Assembly that is serving on the**
21 **body; and**

22 (C) **That is charged with aiding in the development of proposed legislation or in the as-**
23 **essment of enacted legislation.**

24 (b) **"Work group" means a body:**

25 (A) **Of two or more individuals that is established by informal arrangement;**

26 (B) **That has at least one member of the Legislative Assembly that is serving on the**
27 **body; and**

28 (C) **That undertakes an assistive role in the development of proposed legislation or in the**
29 **assessment of enacted legislation.**

30 **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 **(2) A task force or work group may not meet unless:**

2 **(a) Notice of the task force or work group meeting, including an agenda for the meeting**
3 **describing meeting topics, is posted on the website operated by the legislative branch on**
4 **which notices of legislative committee meetings are posted;**

5 **(b) Notice of the meeting is posted at least as long before the meeting occurs as notice**
6 **of a legislative committee meeting is required to be posted in advance of when the legislative**
7 **committee meeting occurs;**

8 **(c) The notice lists the location of the meeting and provides an audio or video internet**
9 **link allowing members of the public to listen to or view the meeting contemporaneously with**
10 **the conduct of the meeting; and**

11 **(d) The task force or work group provides technology and facilities that permit members**
12 **of the public to submit comments to the task force or work group on matters that are before**
13 **the task force or work group.**

14 **(3) It is a legislative duty and obligation for a member of the Legislative Assembly who**
15 **serves on a task force or work group to ensure that the task force or work group on which**
16 **the member serves is in compliance with this section.**

17 **SECTION 3.** **This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
18 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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