

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2662

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

May 18

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Willamette Valley Commuter Rail Task Force is established.**

3 **“(2) The task force consists of 18 members appointed as follows:**

4 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
5 **Senate, one of whom is registered with the largest political party in this state and one of**
6 **whom is registered with the second largest political party in this state.**

7 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
8 **members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is registered with the largest poli-**
9 **tical party in this state and one of whom is registered with the second largest political party**
10 **in this state.**

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

12 **“(A) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Aurora city council;**

13 **“(B) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Donald city council;**

14 **“(C) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Hubbard city**
15 **council;**

16 **“(D) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Keizer city council;**

17 **“(E) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Salem city council;**

18 **“(F) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Wilsonville city**
19 **council;**

20 **“(G) One member chosen from a list of persons recommended by the Woodburn city**
21 **council;**

22 **“(H) One member who represents the Salem Area Mass Transit District;**

23 **“(I) One member who represents South Metro Area Regional Transit;**

24 **“(J) One member who represents Woodburn Transit Service;**

25 **“(K) One member who represents Yamhill County Transit;**

26 **“(L) One member who represents Portland & Western Railroad;**

27 **“(M) One member who represents the Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates;**
28 **and**

29 **“(N) One member who represents the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District**
30 **of Oregon.**

31 **“(3) The task force shall:**

32 **“(a) Study extending the Westside Express Service commuter line to Salem, including**
33 **increasing the frequency and hours of service and establishing a new entity to administer the**
34 **rail service; and**

35 **“(b) Identify opportunities to apply for funding under the federal Infrastructure Invest-**

1 ment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) or other federal funding programs.

2 “(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
3 transaction of business.

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

6 “(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and another
7 to serve as vice chairperson. The vice chairperson may act as chairperson in the absence of
8 the chairperson.

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

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

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

14 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
15 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
16 Assembly related to transportation no later than September 15, 2024.

17 “(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
18 force.

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

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

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

28 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

29 “SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect
31 on its passage.”.

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