

House Bill 3250

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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 Task Force on the State of Sports in Oregon to make recommendations for growing businesses in athletics, team sports, outdoor activities and recreation ecosystem in order to establish Oregon as most conducive location in North America for sports economy. Requires task force to submit progress reports and final report, including recommendations for legislation, to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to economic development.

Sunset January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the state of sports in Oregon; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the State of Sports in Oregon is established. The**
5 **purpose of the task force is to make recommendations on how to grow businesses in the**
6 **athletics, team sports, outdoor activities and recreation ecosystem in order to establish the**
7 **State of Oregon as the most conducive location in North America for the athletics, team**
8 **sports, outdoor activities and recreation economy.**

9 **(2) The task force shall consist of 19 voting members appointed by the Director of the**
10 **Oregon Business Development Department. The director shall appoint at least one member**
11 **from each of the following subject areas or organizations after seeking and considering rec-**
12 **ommendations from representatives of each:**

13 **(a) Chambers of commerce.**

14 **(b) Business associations.**

15 **(c) Economic development entities.**

16 **(d) The travel industry.**

17 **(e) Four-year institutions of higher education.**

18 **(f) Two-year institutions of higher education.**

19 **(g) Kindergarten through grade 12 educational institutions.**

20 **(h) The trades.**

21 **(i) Small-sized sports industry employers.**

22 **(j) Medium-sized sports industry employers.**

23 **(k) Large-sized sports industry employers.**

24 **(L) Local governments.**

25 **(3) Five nonvoting members of the task force shall be appointed as follows:**

26 **(a) The Governor shall appoint one member from the Governor's office or the Oregon**
27 **Business Development Department with expertise in the state of sports in Oregon.**

28 **(b) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from the majority party of the**

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 Senate and one member from the minority party of the Senate.

2 (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from the
3 majority party of the House of Representatives and one member from the minority party of
4 the House of Representatives.

5 (4) The task force shall develop a work plan that will:

6 (a) Explore the potential for, and benefits of, developing regional hubs that could serve
7 as business and research centers for the athletics, team sports, outdoor activities and re-
8 creation industry in Oregon.

9 (b) Determine the infrastructure needs for sports activities on a county-by-county basis
10 with an emphasis on youth sports facilities.

11 (c) Determine business growth and retention needs for the athletics, team sports, out-
12 door activities and recreation industry.

13 (d) Consider how to ensure the availability of community-centered, multiple-focus pro-
14 grams and multiple-use facilities.

15 (e) Identify investment opportunities for facilities, business incentives, marketing and
16 branding, staffing, land and other opportunities related to the athletics, team sports, outdoor
17 activities and recreation industry.

18 (f) Determine the scope of a statewide study of the athletics, team sports, outdoor ac-
19 tivities and recreation economy.

20 (g) Explore other issues that the members consider necessary or useful for completing
21 the work of the task force.

22 (5) The task force may consult experts, form subcommittees or advisory committees,
23 conduct field investigations, hearings and other meetings, receive testimony in any form or
24 format, request information and documents from any entity, organization or institution and
25 take any other lawful action the members consider necessary or convenient to complete the
26 work plan as described in subsection (4) of this section.

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

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

31 (8) The task force shall elect one of its voting members to serve as chairperson.

32 (9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
33 ment in accordance with subsections (2) and (3) of this section to become effective imme-
34 diately.

35 (10) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
36 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

37 (11) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

38 (12) The task force shall submit three reports in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to
39 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to economic development as fol-
40 lows:

41 (a) Not later than September 15, 2023, a progress report related to the work plan devel-
42 oped under subsection (4) of this section;

43 (b) Not later than March 15, 2024, a further progress report; and

44 (c) Not later than September 15, 2024, a final report that shall include recommendations
45 for legislation to be considered by the Legislative Assembly during the 2025 regular session.

