

# House Bill 3629

Sponsored by Representative MANNIX

## SUMMARY

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Establishes Pacific Northwest Infrastructure Task Force.  
Sunsets December 31, 2024.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to transportation; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Pacific Northwest Infrastructure Task Force is established.**

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

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate, including one member who is registered with the largest political party in this state**  
8 **and one member who is registered with the second largest political party in this state.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
10 **members of the House of Representatives, including one member who is registered with the**  
11 **largest political party in this state and one member who is registered with the second largest**  
12 **political party in this state.**

13 **(3) The task force shall collaborate with the State of Washington to develop a compre-**  
14 **hensive infrastructure plan for the benefit of the Pacific Northwest region. The**  
15 **infrastructure plan must identify major regional transportation projects that will improve**  
16 **bridges, rail and ports and identify opportunities to jointly pursue and leverage federal**  
17 **funding. The projects may include, but are not limited to:**

18 **(a) Creating a route plan for a high speed rail system that operates from Seattle to**  
19 **Eugene.**

20 **(b) Supporting completion of the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks.**

21 **(c) Supporting completion of the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge in Hood**  
22 **River.**

23 **(d) Identifying and maintaining short line railroads.**

24 **(e) Identifying and improving local road bridges to ensure that they meet satisfactory**  
25 **engineering safety standards.**

26 **(f) Developing port capacity in Coos Bay and Newport and in ports identified by the State**  
27 **of Washington.**

28 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
29 **of business.**

30 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
31 **of the task force.**

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

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

4 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
5 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

7 (10) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130  
8 for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must  
9 indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.

10 (11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in  
11 ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and  
12 Speaker designate.

13 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the  
14 performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director  
15 shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use  
16 the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the  
17 greatest extent practicable.

18 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
19 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
20 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
21 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

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

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