

# Senate Bill 304

Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, JAMA (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 Task Force on Occupational Licensing. Directs task force to study value of occupational licensing regulatory agency. Permits task force to pre-session file legislation. Requires task force to report to Legislative Assembly.

Sunset December 31, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to a task force on occupational licensing; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Occupational Licensing is established.**

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

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(3) The task force shall:**

11 **(a) Examine occupational licensing regulatory models;**

12 **(b) Study the value of an occupational licensing regulatory agency to oversee licensing**  
13 **boards;**

14 **(c) Recommend whether to create an occupational licensing regulatory agency; and**

15 **(d) Make any other recommendations regarding the reduction of barriers to making**  
16 **changes across occupational license types and populations.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 **(11) The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**

**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 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at a time the President and**  
2 **Speaker designate.**

3 **(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ persons necessary for the**  
4 **performance of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director**  
5 **shall fix the duties and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall use**  
6 **the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the**  
7 **greatest extent practicable.**

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

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

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

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