

# Senate Bill 694

Sponsored by Senator MANNING JR (at the request of Partnership for Safety & Justice) (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 membership of task forces and work groups to be comprised at least 50 percent of community members and individuals who are members of or who represent community-based organizations.

Requires membership of task forces and work groups to be comprised at least 25 percent of individuals who are or who represent organizations that serve historically underrepresented and marginalized communities or that provide culturally specific services.

Requires members of task forces and work groups who are not otherwise compensated for task force or work group service be eligible for stipend as compensation for travel and time spent while serving on task force or work group. Establishes Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund. Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services to estimate amount of stipend each biennium based on estimated number of task force and work group participants and amount appropriated to fund for biennium, and to pay stipend to eligible claimants. Caps maximum amount of stipend.

Appropriates moneys to Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to meetings of groups formed to develop public policy; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

5 (a) **Oregon state government makes better and more effective policy decisions when im-**  
6 **acted persons and service providers are a part of the policy-making process;**

7 (b) **Oregon has a growing and dynamic population that includes many from diverse racial**  
8 **and ethnic backgrounds; and**

9 (c) **The input and guidance from those with diverse backgrounds, those who stand to be**  
10 **most directly impacted by policy decisions and those who stand to implement those decisions**  
11 **informs decisionmakers and enhances the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of policy de-**  
12 **isions.**

13 (2) **The Legislative Assembly declares that the efforts of task forces and work groups**  
14 **will be better informed, more effective and more likely to achieve quality results and out-**  
15 **comes if the composition of task forces and work groups more inclusively reflects the com-**  
16 **munities of this state that are impacted by and affected by task force and work group**  
17 **decisions and recommendations.**

18 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and section 1 of this 2023 Act:**

19 (a) **“Community member” means an individual who has personal interaction with or**  
20 **personal experience pertinent to the focus of a task force or work group.**

21 (b) **“Community-based organization” means an organization that is representative of a**  
22 **community or a significant segment of a community, that works to meet community needs**  
23 **or to amplify the strengths of the community and that is led by one or more community**  
24 **members.**

**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 (c) “Impacted person” means someone whose life is directly impacted by policies that are  
2 the focus of a task force or work group.

3 (d) “Task force” means a body:

4 (A) Of eight or more individuals that is established by statute, resolution, administrative  
5 rule or order, or by decision of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives;

7 (B) That is charged with aiding in the development of proposed legislation; and

8 (C) That is reasonably expected to meet at least four times in a biennium.

9 (e) “Work group” means a body:

10 (A) Of eight or more individuals that is convened at the direction of a member of the  
11 Legislative Assembly, staff for a legislative office, the Governor, a statewide elected official  
12 or a director or officer of a state agency;

13 (B) That undertakes an assistive role in the development of proposed legislation or in the  
14 assessment of enacted legislation; and

15 (C) That is reasonably expected to meet at least four times in a biennium.

16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of law governing the appointment of members of a task  
17 force, the appointing authority of a task force shall appoint at least 50 percent of the task  
18 force from community members or community-based organizations and 25 percent of the  
19 task force from individuals who are or who represent organizations that serve historically  
20 underrepresented and marginalized communities or that provide culturally specific services.

21 (3) A person who convenes a work group shall include in the work group at least 50  
22 percent of the work group from community members or community-based organizations and  
23 25 percent of the work group from individuals who are or who represent organizations that  
24 serve historically underrepresented and marginalized communities or that provide culturally  
25 specific services.

26 (4) Where feasible, task force or work group meetings should be scheduled for times that  
27 are convenient to enhance participation by individuals who have employment, school, par-  
28 enting or other community responsibilities.

29 (5) A member of a task force or work group who does not otherwise receive compen-  
30 sation for participation in the task force or work group is eligible to receive a stipend from  
31 the Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund as compensation for travel and time to attend  
32 task force and work group functions. The task force or work group member shall apply for  
33 the stipend on the form and using the procedures established by the Oregon Department of  
34 Administrative Services under section 3 of this 2023 Act. The chairperson of the task force  
35 or work group shall assist the member in applying for a stipend.

36 (6) Amounts paid under ORS 292.495 do not constitute compensation under this section.  
37 A stipend paid under subsection (5) of this section and section 3 of this 2023 Act is in addition  
38 to and not in lieu of amounts paid under ORS 292.495.

39 **SECTION 3.** (1) The Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund is established, separate  
40 and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the Task Force and Work Group Stipend  
41 Fund are continuously appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services  
42 to award stipends described in section 2 (5) of this 2023 Act to eligible members of task forces  
43 and work groups.

44 (2) Moneys in the Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund shall consist of moneys  
45 appropriated to the fund, earnings of the fund and other moneys credited to the fund.

1           **(3) The department shall by rule establish procedures by which a member of a task force**  
2 **or work group who is eligible to receive a stipend under section 2 (5) of this 2023 Act may**  
3 **submit a claim for a stipend for task force or work group meeting attendance.**

4           **(4) As soon as is practicable after July 1 of an odd-numbered year, the department shall**  
5 **estimate the number of eligible claimants for stipends. Based on the estimate and the**  
6 **amount in the fund, the department shall determine the stipend amount to be paid to eligible**  
7 **claimants who submit claims under section 2 (5) of this 2023 Act.**

8           **(5) Within 30 days after a claim for a stipend has been filed by an eligible claimant, the**  
9 **department shall pay to the claimant the lesser of:**

10           **(a) The amount of stipend determined under subsection (4) of this section; or**

11           **(b) \$\_\_\_\_\_.**

12           **SECTION 4.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
13 **ated to the Task Force and Work Group Stipend Fund, for the biennium beginning July 1,**  
14 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for awarding**  
15 **stipends to task force and work group members who are eligible for stipends under section**  
16 **2 (5) of this 2023 Act.**

17           **SECTION 5.** **This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**  
19 **July 1, 2023.**

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