

Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2867**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31.

2 Delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Desalination is established.**

4 **“(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**

5 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from**
6 **among members of the Senate, each member being from a different**
7 **political party.**

8 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two**
9 **members from among members of the House of Representatives, each**
10 **member being from a different political party.**

11 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint 11 members as follows:**

12 **“(A) One member representing the State Department of Agricul-**
13 **ture;**

14 **“(B) One member representing the State Department of Energy;**

15 **“(C) One member representing the Department of Environmental**
16 **Quality;**

17 **“(D) One member representing the Water Resources Department;**

18 **“(E) One member representing the State Department of Geology**
19 **and Mineral Industries;**

20 **“(F) One member representing an association representing Oregon**
21 **ports; and**

1 **“(G) Five at-large members.**

2 **“(3) The task force shall study the creation of a statewide**
3 **desalination program. In conducting the study, the task force shall**
4 **consider program viability and development strategies and may con-**
5 **sider other issues related to the creation of a statewide desalination**
6 **program, as determined by the task force.**

7 **“(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from**
8 **affected persons and collect data and information necessary to carry**
9 **out the task force’s duties.**

10 **“(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
11 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

12 **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
13 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**

14 **“(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**
15 **chairperson.**

16 **“(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
17 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

18 **“(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
19 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**
20 **task force.**

21 **“(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation**
22 **of the task force.**

23 **“(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
24 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
25 **an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to water no**
26 **later than September 15, 2024.**

27 **“(12) The Water Resources Department shall provide staff support**
28 **to the task force.**

29 **“(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**
30 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**

1 visory capacity only.

2 “(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
3 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement
4 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

10 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31,
11 2024.

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

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