

Requested by Representative MANNIX

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2137**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Willamette River Bridge Task Force is estab-**
4 **lished.**

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

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from**
7 **among members of the Senate, one member who is registered with the**
8 **largest political party in this state and the other member who is reg-**
9 **istered with the second largest political party in this state. Each**
10 **member shall represent a district that is within 60 miles of the**
11 **Wheatland Ferry.**

12 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two**
13 **members from among members of the House of Representatives, one**
14 **member who is registered with the largest political party in this state**
15 **and the other member who is registered with the second largest poli-**
16 **tical party in this state. Each member shall represent a district that**
17 **is within 60 miles of the Wheatland Ferry.**

18 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

19 **“(A) Two members chosen from a list of four persons recommended**
20 **by the Marion County Board of County Commissioners;**

21 **“(B) Two members chosen from a list of four persons recommended**

1 by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners; and

2 “(C) One member recommended by the Special Districts Association
3 of Oregon.

4 “(3) The task force shall conduct a study that includes exploration
5 of strategies, including forming a special district, for the financing,
6 construction and maintenance of an additional bridge crossing the
7 Willamette River connecting Marion and Polk Counties outside of the
8 Salem-Keizer urban growth boundary.

9 “(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
10 a quorum for the transaction of business.

11 “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a
12 majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

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

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

20 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
21 the task force.

22 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
23 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
24 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to trans-
25 portation no later than December 15, 2024.

26 “(11) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support
27 to the task force and shall gather and summarize information for the
28 task force from prior studies conducted on the subject matter de-
29 scribed in subsection (3) of this section.

30 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task

1 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-
2 visory capacity only.

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

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

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

13 “SECTION 3. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate
14 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
15 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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