

SB 1503 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Gun Violence and Suicide Prevention staffed by the Oregon Health Authority.

Detailed Summary:

Establishes the Task Force on Gun Violence and Suicide Prevention. Two members from the Senate, one from the minority party, must be appointed by the Senate President (nonvoting), and two members from the House, one from the minority party, must be appointed by Speaker of the House (nonvoting) and eight members with specific backgrounds must be appointed by the governor, for a total of 12 members. Directs the Task Force to study specific issues related to best public health practices for reducing deaths from gun violence and for suicide prevention. Permits the task force to contract out for research support. Directs the Task Force to submit reports by September 15 of 2024 and 2025, including recommendations for legislation, to the interim health care committees. Appropriates \$400,000 for research contracting. Repeals the Act December 31, 2026. Takes effect 91st after sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces the measure.

Establishes the Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm Suicide Prevention (Task Force), staffed by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Two members from the Senate, one from the minority party, must be appointed by the Senate President (nonvoting), and two members from the House, one from the minority party, must be appointed by the Speaker of the House (nonvoting) and 13 members with specific backgrounds must be appointed by the governor, for a total of 17 members.

Directs the Task Force to coordinate with the DOJ, the Oregon Health Authority and federally recognized Indian tribes in Oregon to study specific issues related to public health best practices for reducing deaths from community safety threats and for suicide prevention. Permits the Task Force to contract with third parties to research those issues.

Directs the Task Force to submit reports to the interim legislative committees related to health care, by September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2025. Appropriates \$400,000 from the General Fund to the DOJ to fund research ordered by the Task Force. Sunsets the measure on December 31, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.

BACKGROUND: