

Requested by Senator WAGNER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1503**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert:

2 “Whereas Oregonians saw a 40 percent increase in deaths related to
3 firearms in the last decade, the vast majority of which are suicide; and

4 “Whereas firearm violence has increased by 21 percent and suicide has
5 increased by four percent since before the COVID-19 pandemic; and”.

6 Delete lines 8 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

7 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Community Safety and Firearm
8 Suicide Prevention is established.**

9 **“(2) The task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:**

10 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from
11 among members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one
12 from the minority party.**

13 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two
14 members from among members of the House of Representatives, one
15 from the majority party and one from the minority party.**

16 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint 13 members, with consideration of
17 geographic diversity, as follows:**

18 **“(A) A representative of a state public health agency;**

19 **“(B) A public safety policy advisor to the Governor;**

20 **“(C) A representative of a nonprofit organization focused on suicide
21 prevention with experience in lethal means safety;**

1 **“(D) A representative of a community-based firearm safety and**
2 **protocols program;**

3 **“(E) A representative of the public health research field;**

4 **“(F) A behavioral health professional or provider;**

5 **“(G) An adult behavioral health provider;**

6 **“(H) A medical provider who has worked with firearm violence vic-**
7 **tims;**

8 **“(I) A psychologist who works with youth;**

9 **“(J) A tribal representative from a suicide prevention program;**

10 **“(K) A person with lived experience with community safety threats**
11 **or suicidal ideation;**

12 **“(L) A representative of law enforcement; and**

13 **“(M) A professional who works in veterans’ mental health.**

14 **“(3) The task force shall coordinate with the Department of Justice,**
15 **the Oregon Health Authority, sheriff departments that provide for**
16 **voluntary storage of firearms, federally recognized Indian tribes in**
17 **this state, faith-based groups in this state and the Oregon Alliance to**
18 **Prevent Suicide to study the following issues related to public health**
19 **best practices for reducing deaths from community safety threats and**
20 **for suicide prevention:**

21 **“(a) How to better support youth experiencing suicidal ideation.**

22 **“(b) How to better support rural Oregonians experiencing suicidal**
23 **ideation.**

24 **“(c) How to reduce stigma on suicidal ideation.**

25 **“(d) Barriers to suicide prevention support.**

26 **“(e) Current community safety protocol across this state, including**
27 **at hospitals and behavioral health facilities, and recommendations for**
28 **improvement of the protocol.**

29 **“(f) Locations and events most targeted in community safety**
30 **threats.**

1 “(g) Rates of success for extreme risk protection orders and barriers
2 to implementation and capacity for police stations or other entities to
3 implement voluntary surrender or holding of firearms.

4 “(h) Barriers to implementing best practices for community safety
5 and suicide prevention.

6 “(i) How domestic violence is a risk factor for community safety
7 threats and suicide.

8 “(j) Risks to first responders.

9 “(4) The task force may engage a third party to research the issues
10 listed in subsection (3) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 “(11) The task force shall submit reports in the manner provided
25 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
26 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
27 care no later than September 15, 2024, and September 15, 2025.

28 “(12) The Department of Justice shall provide staff support to the
29 task force.

30 “(13) 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 “(14) 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 “(15) 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. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
12 ation, there is appropriated to the Department of Justice, for the
13 biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount
14 of \$400,000, which may be expended for the purpose of paying a third
15 party for research ordered by the Task Force on Community Safety
16 and Firearm Suicide Prevention, as authorized under section 1 of this
17 2024 Act.

18 “SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31,
19 2026.

20 “SECTION 4. This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
21 date on which the 2024 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative
22 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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