## House Bill 2312

Sponsored by Representative MANNIX (Presession 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.** The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act would create a task force to look into staffing at corrections facilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Establishes the Task Force on Staffing at Correctional Facilities. Requires the task force to submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than December 15, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to staffing correctional facilities; and prescribing an effective date.
- 3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Staffing at Correctional Facilities is established.
- 5 (2) The task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows:
  - (a) The Governor shall appoint eight members as follows:
- (A) Three law enforcement officers who are represented by a union;
- (B) Three senior law enforcement officers who are not represented by the union described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; and
  - (C) Two supervisors of a correctional facility.
  - (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.
  - (c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among the members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.
    - (3) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following:
- 17 (a) Rehiring on a part-time basis retired corrections officers, as defined in ORS 181A.355.
- 18 (b) Staff safety at correctional facilities.
  - (c) Reducing use of overtime by corrections officers.
  - (d) Enhancing recruitment and retention operations for corrections officers.
  - (e) Requiring the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to provide paid professional development and training services to corrections officers.
    - (f) Identifying options to receive reimbursement from local governments for the cost of training corrections officers who are hired by the local government.
  - (g) Establishing a career pathway for corrections officers to receive education and training to become peace officers, as defined in ORS 420.905.
    - (4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force's duties.

**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.

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- (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
  - (7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- (8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
- (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
  - (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than December 15, 2026.
  - (12) The Department of Corrections shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.
- (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.
- (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.
  - SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.
- SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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