

House Bill 3763

Sponsored by Representative CHAICHI

SUMMARY

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Digest: The Act makes the Task Force on Law Libraries and tells the task force to make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 89.8).

Establishes the Task Force on Law Libraries and directs the task force to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2026.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Task Force on Law Libraries; 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 Law Libraries is established.**

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

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint seven members as follows:**

11 **(A) Three representatives of law libraries in counties of various sizes;**

12 **(B) One judge of a circuit court;**

13 **(C) One district attorney;**

14 **(D) One public defense attorney; and**

15 **(E) One representative of an organization that provides legal aid services.**

16 **(3) The task force shall:**

17 **(a) Develop a definition of "law library services" to provide more guidance to counties**
18 **on how law library funds should be used to effectively serve the public; and**

19 **(b) Explore ways to make funding for county law libraries sufficient to provide these**
20 **services.**

21 **(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**
22 **transaction of business.**

23 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**
24 **members of the task force.**

25 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

26 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
27 **ment to become immediately effective.**

28 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
29 **or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.**

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.

1 (9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

2 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
3 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
4 Assembly related to the judiciary no later than December 15, 2026.

5 (11) The Judicial Department shall provide staff support to the task force.

6 (12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
7 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

8 (13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
9 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
10 force.

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

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.

16 SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
17 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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