

# House Bill 3794

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## 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: This Act creates the Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.7).

Establishes the Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley. Directs the task force to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than December 15, 2026.

Sunsets the task force on December 31, 2026.

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

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to municipal solid waste; and prescribing an effective date.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley is established.**

**(2) The task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows:**

**(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the Senate, including one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.**

**(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two nonvoting members from among members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.**

**(c) The Governor shall appoint eight members as follows:**

**(A) One member to represent the Governor;**

**(B) One member to represent a private hauler of solid waste that operates a landfill in the Willamette Valley;**

**(C) One member to represent the League of Oregon Cities;**

**(D) One member to represent the Association of Oregon Counties;**

**(E) Two members to represent environmental organizations; and**

**(F) Two members with subject matter expertise in the disposal of municipal solid waste.**

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

**(a) Study and identify solutions for solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley; and**

**(b) Review the findings and recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan Task Force convened by Benton County.**

**(4) The Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the Willamette Valley may adopt the findings or recommendations of the Regional Sustainable Materials Management Plan 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       (5) A majority of the voting members of the Task Force on Municipal Solid Waste in the  
2 Willamette Valley constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

3       (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
4 members of the task force.

5       (7) The Governor shall select one member of the task force to serve as chairperson and  
6 another to serve as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers necessary  
7 for the performance of the functions of the offices as the Governor determines.

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

10       (9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson  
11 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

12       (10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

13       (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
14 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
15 Assembly related to the environment no later than December 15, 2026.

16       (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task  
17 force.

18       (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
19 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

20       (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly serve  
21 as volunteers on the task force and, unless they are qualified members, as defined in ORS  
22 292.495, are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

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

27       (16) All appointments to the task force made under subsection (2) of this section must  
28 be completed no later than 60 days after the effective date of this 2025 Act.

29       (17) The task force shall have its first meeting no later than 90 days after the effective  
30 date of this 2025 Act.

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

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