

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 751

Ordered by the Senate April 7
Including Senate Amendments dated April 7

Sponsored by Senator GORSEK (Pre-session 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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes a task force about health insurance for retired police and fire members of PERS. The Act tells the task force to report by January 1, 2026. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.5).

[Digest: The Act tells PERB to make new definitions of "police officer" and "firefighter" to decide which police officers and firefighters get more benefits. Makes a task force on health insurance for retired police and fire workers. Tells the task force to make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2).]

[Directs the Public Employees Retirement Board to establish definitions of "police officer" and "firefighter" for the sole purpose of determining which police officer and firefighter members of the Public Employees Retirement System are entitled to increased benefits.]

[Establishes the Task Force on Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Police Officers and Firefighters and directs the task force to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to general government no later than December 15, 2026.]

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

Establishes the Task Force on Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Police and Fire Members of the Public Employees Retirement System. Directs the task force to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to general government no later than January 1, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to retirement of public safety workers; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Police and Fire**
5 **Members of the Public Employees Retirement System is established.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:**

7 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting member from among mem-**
8 **bers of the Senate.**

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

11 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 12 members as follows:**

12 **(A) One member representing Oregon State Police officers, recommended by the Oregon**
13 **State Police Officers Association.**

14 **(B) One member representing local law enforcement officers, recommended by the**
15 **Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs.**

16 **(C) One member representing firefighters, recommended by the Oregon State Fire**
17 **Fighters Council.**

18 **(D) One member representing the largest union representing Department of Corrections**
19 **employees, recommended by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Em-**

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 **ployees.**

2 **(E) One member representing the second largest union representing Department of Cor-**
3 **rections employees, recommended by the Association of Oregon Corrections Employees.**

4 **(F) One member representing parole and probation officers, recommended by the Feder-**
5 **ation of Oregon Parole and Probation Officers.**

6 **(G) One member representing state government.**

7 **(H) One member representing county government.**

8 **(I) One member representing municipal government.**

9 **(J) One member representing special districts.**

10 **(K) One member representing fire chiefs.**

11 **(L) One member representing sheriffs, police chiefs or county corrections directors.**

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

13 **(a) Evaluate methods of providing health insurance coverage to retired members of the**
14 **Public Employees Retirement System who are police officers and firefighters, as those terms**
15 **are defined in ORS 238.005 and 238A.005, including methods taken by other states and local**
16 **agencies.**

17 **(b) Review additional impediments to the retirement of police officers and firefighters,**
18 **as those terms are defined in ORS 238.005 and 238A.005.**

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

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

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

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.**

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

31 **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
32 **may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative**
33 **Assembly related to general government no later than January 1, 2026.**

34 **(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Office and the Legislative Fiscal Office shall**
35 **provide staff support to the task force.**

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

38 **(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly serve**
39 **as volunteers on the task force and, unless they are qualified members, as defined in ORS**
40 **292.495, are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses.**

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

45 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on June 30, 2026.**

1 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
2 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**
3 **on its passage.**

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