

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 3525**

Sponsored by Representatives VEGA PEDERSON, GALLEGOS

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AN ACT

Relating to obstructing governmental administration; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Immigration Consultant Fraud is established, consisting of 12 members as follows:**

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

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

**(c) The Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee shall serve as a member of the task force.**

**(d) The Governor shall appoint the following members:**

**(A) A representative of the Oregon State Bar.**

**(B) An attorney who practices in the area of immigration.**

**(C) A representative of the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office.**

**(D) A representative of the Department of Justice.**

**(E) A representative of an organization of criminal defense attorneys in this state.**

**(F) A member representing prosecutors in this state.**

**(G) A representative of an organization that advocates for low-wage workers.**

**(H) A member representing law enforcement.**

**(I) A representative of an organization advocating for immigrants and refugees.**

**(2) The task force shall study the issue of violations of ORS 9.280 by immigration consultants and the practice of immigration consultants attempting to obstruct persons from reporting violations of ORS 9.280.**

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

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

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

**(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to a committee or an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to immigration as appropriate no later than September 15, 2015.

(10) The Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office shall provide staff support to the task force.

(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office for purposes of the task force.

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

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

**SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

Passed by House June 26, 2015

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Passed by Senate June 30, 2015

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Received by Governor:

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Approved:

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Kate Brown, Governor

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