

Senate Bill 458

Sponsored by Senator HASS (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**.

Establishes Oregon Homeless Youth Task Force. Requires task force to develop recommendations addressing youth facing homelessness.

Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to homelessness; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Homeless Youth Task Force is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 11 members 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 Attorney General, or a designee, shall serve as a member of the task force;**

11 **(d) The Attorney General shall appoint one member who represents the interests of law**
12 **enforcement in this state;**

13 **(e) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department, or a designee,**
14 **shall serve as a member and the chairperson of the task force;**

15 **(f) The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall appoint two**
16 **members who meet the following qualifications:**

17 **(A) One member must represent the interests of nonprofit organizations dedicated to**
18 **providing housing, transitional accommodations or shelter for youth facing homelessness;**
19 **and**

20 **(B) One member must represent the interests of nonprofit organizations providing af-**
21 **fordable housing throughout this state;**

22 **(g) The Director of Human Services, or a designee, shall serve as a member of the task**
23 **force;**

24 **(h) The Director of Human Services shall appoint one member who represents the in-**
25 **terests of nonprofit organizations dedicated to providing health and medical resources for**
26 **youth facing homelessness;**

27 **(i) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee, shall serve as a**
28 **member of the task force; and**

29 **(j) The Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint one member who has**
30 **experience serving as a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youth**

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 under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act under 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.

2 (3) The task force shall develop recommendations for addressing the needs of youth fac-
3 ing homelessness, including:

4 (a) Food and nutrition;

5 (b) Temporary shelter and permanent housing;

6 (c) Education, higher education and employment;

7 (d) First aid training and services for medical care, dental care, mental health and
8 pregnancy;

9 (e) Assistance avoiding and recovering from incarceration, substance abuse, domestic
10 violence and human trafficking; and

11 (f) Identification, public assistance, mail services and banking services.

12 (4) The task force may, in carrying out its duties, consult with any advisers or other
13 persons as the task force deems necessary or advisable.

14 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
15 transaction of business.

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

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

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

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

23 (10) The task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including
24 recommendations for legislation, to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS
25 192.245 no later than September 15, 2020.

26 (11) The Housing and Community Services Department shall provide staff support to the
27 task force.

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

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

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

37 (15) As used in this section, "youth facing homelessness" includes individuals:

38 (a) Who are at least 15 years of age and less than 22 years of age; and

39 (b) Who within the previous five years were wards, as defined in ORS 419A.004, or who
40 are experiencing or may face unsheltered homelessness.

41 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on December 31, 2020.

42 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
43 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
44 on its passage.