

Senate Bill 961

Sponsored by Senator VERGER

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Maritime Pilotage.
Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Transportation for task force.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to pilotage; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Maritime Pilotage consisting of nine**
5 **members.**

6 **(2) The Governor shall appoint one member to represent each of the following:**

7 **(a) International marine exporters;**

8 **(b) International marine importers;**

9 **(c) Vessel operators;**

10 **(d) Ports;**

11 **(e) Private marine facility operators;**

12 **(f) Pilots;**

13 **(g) State and local economic development interests;**

14 **(h) The Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots; and**

15 **(i) The Freight Advisory Committee.**

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

17 **(a) Review the economic impact of pilotage on Oregon's economy;**

18 **(b) Examine the potential operational and economic benefits of having multiple pilots**
19 **trained and able to pilot vessels in more than one pilotage ground;**

20 **(c) Review similar pilotage systems in major United States waterways;**

21 **(d) Assess current economic impacts on Oregon shippers of Oregon pilotage rates and**
22 **compare rates to other west coast ports; and**

23 **(e) Seek input from the Department of Transportation, the Economic and Community**
24 **Development Department, and the Department of Agriculture.**

25 **(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
26 **of business.**

27 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
28 **of the task force.**

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

30 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-**
31 **come immediately effective.**

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

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

4 (10) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations on the economic im-
5 pacts of pilotage on Oregon's economy to the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly in the
6 manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than October 1, 2006.

7 (11) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff support to the task force.

8 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
9 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
10 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
11 penses incurred in performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds appro-
12 priated to the Department of Transportation for that purpose.

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

17 (14) The Department of Transportation may accept contributions of moneys and assist-
18 ance from the United States Government or its agencies or from any other source, public
19 or private, and agree to conditions placed on the moneys not inconsistent with the duties of
20 the task force.

21 (15) All moneys received by the Department of Transportation under this section shall
22 be paid into the State Treasury and deposited in the General Fund to the credit of the de-
23 partment. The moneys are continuously appropriated to the department for the purposes of
24 carrying out the duties of the task force.

25 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation, for the biennium
26 beginning July 1, 2005, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purpose of
27 carrying out the duties of the Task Force on Maritime Pilotage.

28 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
29 regular biennial legislative session.

30 **SECTION 4.** This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
31 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect
32 on its passage.

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