

# House Bill 3614

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Core Functions of Government.  
Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to a task force on core functions of government; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) There is created the Task Force on Core Functions of Government**  
5 **consisting of eleven members.**

6 **(b) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate, two from the majority party and two from the minority party.**

8 **(c) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives, two from the majority party and two from the**  
10 **minority party.**

11 **(d) The Governor shall appoint one member from the staff of the Governor.**

12 **(e) The Legislative Fiscal Officer shall appoint an employee of the Legislative Fiscal Of-**  
13 **fice.**

14 **(f) The members of the task force appointed under paragraphs (b) to (e) of this sub-**  
15 **section shall appoint one member who is not a public official as defined in ORS 244.020 (14).**  
16 **Appointments under this paragraph must be made by a majority vote.**

17 **(2) The purpose of the task force is to study and make recommendations to the**  
18 **Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly on the core functions of government so that the**  
19 **Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly may make budgetary decisions on the basis of agreed-**  
20 **upon priorities. The task force shall determine what functions of state government are re-**  
21 **quired by the Constitutions of Oregon and the United States and what services provided by**  
22 **state government are essential to Oregonians. Recommendations made by the task force**  
23 **under this subsection may include, but are not limited to:**

24 **(a) Protecting people and communities through law enforcement, courts and corrections;**

25 **(b) Providing for an educated citizenry by ensuring that all children receive an equal**  
26 **opportunity to achieve academic success;**

27 **(c) Encouraging job creation and entrepreneurship by removing regulatory barriers to job**  
28 **production;**

29 **(d) Providing a safety net of social services;**

30 **(e) Building and maintaining the infrastructure to accommodate transportation and**  
31 **utilities;**

**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 (f) Requiring state agencies to conduct business in an efficient, transparent and ac-  
2 countable manner; and

3 (g) Managing public property and natural resources, including protections for air, water  
4 and soil, while protecting property rights of private property owners.

5 (3) In addition to the requirements of subsection (2) of this section, the task force shall  
6 make recommendations to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly regarding:

7 (a) Development of measurable outcomes for each of the recommended core functions  
8 of government;

9 (b) Methods for setting priorities among state agency programs based on how effectively  
10 and efficiently each program will address core functions of government; and

11 (c) Development by each state agency of a mission statement, a description of the actions  
12 and priorities necessary to accomplish the agency's mission and a process for submitting  
13 biennial budget requests that reflect the mission and priorities.

14 (4) The task force may:

15 (a) Hold hearings and work sessions; and

16 (b) Develop proposed legislation for consideration by the Seventy-sixth Legislative As-  
17 sembly.

18 (5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction  
19 of business.

20 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
21 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

28 (11) The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130  
29 for interim committees.

30 (12) The task force shall use the services of permanent staff of the Legislative Fiscal  
31 Office to the greatest extent practicable to staff the task force.

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

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

42 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2010 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next  
43 regular biennial legislative session.

44 **SECTION 3.** This 2010 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
45 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2010 Act takes effect

1 **on its passage.**

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