

Senate Bill 22

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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 Ocean Acidification. Requires task force to report findings and recommendations to interim committees on environment and natural resources on or before September 15, 2016.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to ocean acidification; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Ocean Acidification is established, consisting of 13**
5 **members as follows:**

6 (a) **The State Fish and Wildlife Director or the director's designee.**

7 (b) **The Director of Agriculture or the director's designee.**

8 (c) **The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the director's designee.**

9 (d) **The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development or the**
10 **director's designee.**

11 (e) **One member from among members of the Senate appointed by the President of the**
12 **Senate.**

13 (f) **One member from among members of the House of Representatives appointed by the**
14 **Speaker of the House of Representatives.**

15 (g) **Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

16 (A) **Two representatives of conservation organizations.**

17 (B) **Two scientists with expertise in ocean acidification.**

18 (C) **Two representatives of the commercial fishing community.**

19 (D) **One representative of an Indian tribe.**

20 (2) **The task force shall:**

21 (a) **Review, study and analyze the existing scientific literature and data available on**
22 **ocean acidification, with an emphasis on literature and data on the documented or potential**
23 **effects of ocean acidification on fish and wildlife that depend on the marine environment**
24 **within the continental shelf of the Pacific Ocean off the coast of the State of Oregon;**

25 (b) **Receive and review recommendations from the West Coast Ocean Acidification and**
26 **Hypoxia Science Panel; and**

27 (c) **Research and recommend:**

28 (A) **Potential strategies to mitigate the causes and effects of ocean acidification;**

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 (B) Steps to strengthen existing scientific monitoring, research and analysis regarding
2 the causes and trends in ocean acidification; and

3 (C) Steps to increase public awareness of ocean acidification.

4 (3) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
5 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

6 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
7 transaction of business.

8 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
9 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

16 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
17 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
18 Assembly related to environment and natural resources, as appropriate, no later than Sep-
19 tember 15, 2016.

20 (11) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to the task force.

21 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
22 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
23 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
24 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
25 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Legislative Administrator for
26 purposes of the task force.

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

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

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