

Senate Bill 735

Sponsored by Senator SHIELDS

SUMMARY

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Establishes Task Force on Insurance Fraud for purpose of studying causes of and methods employed in insurance fraud, examining methods for preventing and punishing insurance fraud and evaluating costs and consequences of insurance fraud.

Sunsets December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to insurance; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Insurance Fraud is established, consisting of 11 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives.

(c) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall appoint two members from among employees of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

(d) The Governor shall appoint:

(A) Two members who represent large and small insurers within this state; and

(B) Three members who are consumers and residents of this state.

(2) The task force shall study the causes of and methods employed in insurance fraud, examine methods for preventing and punishing insurance fraud and evaluate the costs and consequences of insurance fraud.

(3) The task force may conduct studies, receive testimony and investigate any matter that is necessary to enable the task force to carry out the functions set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
2 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
3 Assembly related to insurance as appropriate no later than September 15, 2016.

4 (11) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall provide staff support to
5 the task force.

6 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
7 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
8 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
9 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
10 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Consumer and
11 Business Services for purposes of the task force.

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

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

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