

House Bill 2826

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (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 Renewable Diesel. Directs task force to study availability of renewable diesel, estimate current and future demand for diesel fuels, study incentives for increasing availability of renewable diesel and study implications of removing petroleum diesel from state marketplace.

Sunset January 2, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to diesel fuel; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Renewable Diesel is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among the members of**
7 **the Senate, including one member from the majority party and one member from the mi-**
8 **nority party.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **the members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the majority party**
11 **and one member from the minority party.**

12 **(c) The Governor shall appoint nine members as follows:**

13 **(A) One representative of truck owners with extensive experience using renewable diesel**
14 **as a primary fuel source;**

15 **(B) One representative of an association representing the trucking industry;**

16 **(C) One representative of the renewable diesel industry;**

17 **(D) One representative of a major diesel fuel manufacturer;**

18 **(E) One representative of a major diesel fuel marketer and distributor;**

19 **(F) One representative of an association representing the construction industry with ex-**
20 **tensive experience using diesel fuel for nonroad purposes;**

21 **(G) One representative of an association representing businesses that use diesel fuel for**
22 **nonroad purposes; and**

23 **(H) Two representatives of the environmental community.**

24 **(d) The following shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the task force:**

25 **(A) The Director of Agriculture or the director's designee;**

26 **(B) The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the director's designee;**
27 **and**

28 **(C) The Director of the State Department of Energy or the director's designee.**

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

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 (a) Study the availability of renewable diesel in this state and incentives for increasing
2 the availability of renewable diesel.

3 (b) Develop estimates of current and future demand for diesel fuels in this state, includ-
4 ing separate estimates for:

5 (A) The Portland metropolitan area;

6 (B) The portion of the state lying east of the Cascade Mountains; and

7 (C) The portion of the state lying west of the Cascade Mountains.

8 (c) Analyze the cost difference between renewable diesel and other fuels, including pe-
9 troleum diesel, using market data from Oil Price Information Service, and calculate the
10 supply and demand implications if petroleum diesel is removed from the marketplace. An
11 analysis under this paragraph may include:

12 (A) A baseline cost of diesel using a national average;

13 (B) An examination of other state costs and incentives specific to diesel fuel; and

14 (C) An examination of implications for the supply of nonroad diesel fuel.

15 (4) The task force may, upon the approval of a majority of the voting members of the
16 task force, study or develop recommendations for matters related to the availability of
17 renewable diesel in addition to those described in subsection (3) of this section.

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

20 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
21 members 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 voting 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 shall submit a report, which may include recommendations for legis-
29 lation, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative
30 Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2024.

31 (12) The State Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Energy shall
32 jointly provide staff support to the task force.

33 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
34 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

35 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
36 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
37 force.

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

42 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

43 **SECTION 3.** This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
44 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.