



SB 1175

Overview

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Enrolled

Senate Bill 1175

Sponsored by Senators MANNING JR, PROZANSKI, Representatives NELSON, ANDERSEN, CHOTZEN

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to a task force on removing barriers to jury service; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Removing Barriers to Jury Service is established.

(2) The task force consists of 15 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 Governor shall appoint five representatives as follows:

(A) One member representing district attorneys;

(B) One member representing attorneys who provide legal defense in criminal proceedings;

(C) One representative of an association representing businesses;

(D) One member of the Racial Justice Council established in ORS 176.350; and

(E) One representative of the Association of Oregon Counties.

(d) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint five members as follows:

(A) Two judges with experience presiding over criminal or civil jury trials;

(B) One attorney with experience with civil jury trials or a representative from an organization representing civil litigation attorneys;

(C) One justice of the peace or municipal court judge with experience presiding over criminal or civil jury trials; and

(D) One representative of the Oregon State Bar.

(e) The Chief Justice, or the Chief Justice's designee, shall be chairperson of the task force and shall act as a voting member of the task force.

- Passed in the 2025 legislative session
- Multiple Chief Sponsors
- Bipartisan support
- Supported by the Oregon Judicial Department and a variety of stakeholders



Task Force Members (15)

- Senator James I. Manning, Jr.
- Senator Kim Thatcher
- Representative Tom Andersen
- Representative Kim Wallan
- Bryan Brock, Oregon District Attorneys Association
- Kia Tolbert, Representing Criminal Defense Attorneys
- Derek Sangston, Oregon Business & Industry
- Nansi López, Racial Justice Council
- Timothy Dooley, Association of Oregon Counties
- Honorable Matthew Shirtcliff, Baker County Circuit Court
- Honorable Chanpone Sinlapasai, Multnomah County Circuit Court
- Royce Williams, Attorney with Experience with Civil Jury Trials
- Honorable Tucker Rossetto, Beaverton Municipal Court
- Keren Farkas, Oregon State Bar
- Kimberly McCullough (Chair), Office of the State Court Administrator



Task Force Charge

- Examine Oregon's current structure of jury compensation and resulting participation levels and how Oregon's structure and participation levels compare to the structure and participation levels in other states
- Propose recommendations to modify Oregon's structure of jury compensation to improve jury participation levels
- Recommend public outreach and education strategies that will inform the public regarding jury compensation and participation
- Examine and propose recommendations to address additional barriers to jury service



Quorum and Voting

- Nonvoting members:
 - Legislators
 - Chair
- Number of voting members = 10
- Majority of voting members = 6
- Quorum (for transaction of business) requires presence of majority of voting members
- Official action (voting) requires majority of voting members
- Vacancies filled by appointing authority





Task Force Report

- Due December 15, 2026
- Submitted to:
 - Chief Justice
 - Governor
 - Judiciary Committees
- May include recommendations for legislation
- May include minority/dissenting views, opinions, or recommendations either as part of report or as separate report



Miscellaneous Provisions

- Meetings at times/places called by chair or majority of voting members
- Staff support provided by the Oregon Judicial Department
- Task Force may consult with local or national experts, such as
 - National Center for State Courts (NCSC)
 - Other jurisdictions
- Task force may ask for assistance from state agencies
- Can adopt rules



Questions?