
HOUSE BILL 1587

State of Washington

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By Representatives Kretz, McCaslin, Chase, Dent, and Maycumber

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1 AN ACT Relating to adjusting boundary lines to Washington state;
2 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A legislative task force on
5 adjusting state boundary lines is established, with members as
6 provided in this subsection.

7 (i) Each legislative leader of the two largest caucuses in each
8 chamber of the legislature shall appoint one member to the task
9 force.

10 (ii) The county executive of each county of the state shall be a
11 member of the task force. If the county does not have a county
12 executive, the governing body of the county shall appoint one person
13 to represent the county as a member.

14 (iii) The cochairs of the task force shall select one legislator
15 from southern Idaho and one legislator from northern Idaho to be
16 members of the task force.

17 (iv) The cochairs of the task force shall select one legislator
18 from eastern Oregon and one legislator from western Oregon to be
19 members of the task force.

1 (b) The task force shall choose its cochairs from among its
2 legislative membership. The cochairs shall convene the initial
3 meeting of the task force by September 1, 2021.

4 (2) (a) The task force shall review the feasibility and impacts of
5 adjusting the state boundary lines of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
6 such that:

7 (i) The counties of eastern Oregon, eastern Washington, and
8 northern Idaho are joined together as a state;

9 (ii) The southern counties of Idaho remain their own state; and

10 (iii) The western counties of Oregon and Washington are joined
11 together as a state.

12 (b) These boundary line adjustments shall not result in a newly
13 created state, but shall be adjustments to the boundary lines of
14 current states.

15 (3) Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
16 senate committee services and the house office of program research.

17 (4) Washington state legislative members of the task force are
18 reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
19 Other members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses
20 if they are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an
21 employer, governmental entity, or other organization.

22 (5) The expenses of the task force shall be paid jointly by the
23 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
24 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
25 and the house executive rules committee, or their successor
26 committees.

27 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
28 to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
29 December 31, 2022.

30 (7) This section expires February 1, 2023.

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