

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	George G., Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/16, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates the Task Force for a Comprehensive Obesity Prevention Initiative and establishes membership of the task force. Directs the task force to study obesity prevention, treatment, ways to decrease obesity in the state, and to develop a plan to implement and fund initiatives to reduce obesity and obesity-related disease. Requires task force to submit recommendations to the Legislature by October 1, 2008. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide staff support and specifies that director of DHS, or director's designee, will serve as the chairperson of the task force. Declares emergency, effective on passage and repeals act when the 75th Legislative Assembly convenes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Scope of obesity epidemic in Oregon
- Growing rates of diabetes and heart disease, especially in minority populations
- Intent to incorporate outreach efforts into roles of task force
- Need to go beyond changing eating habits to change obesity statistics

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases number of taskforce members from ten to thirteen. Specifies that the three additional members will represent Oregon universities or other specialized groups with expertise in preventing obesity, promoting good nutrition and physical fitness, the built or physical environment, or minority health issues. Directs the task force to develop a plan to implement and fund initiatives to reduce obesity and obesity-related disease. Replaces requirement that the committee elect one of its members as chairperson with a requirement that the director of the Department of Human Services, or the director's designee, serve as chairperson of task force.

BACKGROUND: Sixty percent of adult Oregonians were found to be obese or overweight in 2005, with the prevalence of obesity increasing by 118% between 1990 and 2005. 82% of Oregonians with diabetes and 69% of Oregonians with a history of heart attack are overweight or obese. In 2003, the estimated medical costs related to obesity among adults were \$781 million, representing 6% of the state's total health care spending. 6% of Medicare costs and 9% of Medicaid spending in 2003 were attributed to obesity.

One quarter of children in Oregon are overweight or at risk of being overweight. The percentage of eleventh graders overweight or at risk of being overweight increased 63% between 2001 and 2005. Three in four eighth graders and four in five eleventh graders do not eat the recommended five or more servings of fruit or vegetables per day.

The Oregon Health Policy Commission issued a report in January 2007 entitled Promoting Physical Activity and Health Nutrition Among Oregon's Youth. One of the top three recommendations contained in the report is the creation of a statewide, comprehensive obesity prevention and education program for the state.

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