

House Bill 3097

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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**.

Creates Task Force on Health Care Services to study and make recommendations regarding long-term viability of health services provided to Oregonians.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research for purposes of providing services to task force.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Health Care Services, consisting of 10 members appointed as follows:

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

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

(c) The Governor shall appoint two members after receiving recommendations from the members of the task force appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) The task force shall study and make recommendations on actions that may be taken regarding the long-term viability of the health care services provided to Oregonians, including but not limited to:

(a) Evaluating the long-term direction and structure of the Oregon Health Plan and the Department of Human Services;

(b) Maintaining access to health care services for low-income Oregonians; and

(c) Finding efficiencies in the administration and delivery of health care services offered by the Department of Human Services.

(3) The task force shall have its first meeting on or before the earlier of 45 days after adjournment sine die of the regular session of the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly or November 30, 2007.

(4) A majority of the voting 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 select one of its members to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson.

(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-

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 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

5 (10) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff necessary to assist the
6 task force to perform its functions. The task force shall use the services of permanent
7 legislative staff to the greatest extent practicable.

8 (11) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommen-
9 dations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health
10 care in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than December 1, 2008.

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

15 (13) The task force may consult with the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research
16 for technical advice and assistance as the task force determines necessary.

17 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
18 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
19 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
20 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
21 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for that
22 purpose.

23 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the
24 regular legislative session of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly.

25 **SECTION 3.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
26 ated to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, for the biennium beginning July
27 1, 2007, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$25,000, which may be expended for the
28 purpose of providing consultation services to the Task Force on Health Care Services created
29 in section 1 of this 2007 Act.

30 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
31 ated to the Legislative Assembly, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, out of the General
32 Fund, the amount of \$30,000, which may be expended for payment of compensation, actual
33 and necessary travel expenses and other expenses incurred by members of the Task Force
34 on Health Care Services who are members of the Legislative Assembly.

35 **SECTION 5.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
36 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
37 on July 1, 2007.

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