

# Senate Bill 641

Sponsored by Senator KRUSE

## 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 to study reimbursement methodologies for hospital services provided to recipients of medical assistance.

Sunsets on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to health care; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Hospital Reimbursement Methodol-**  
5 **ogies, consisting of 10 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint five members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint five members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (2) **The task force shall study the reimbursement methodologies for hospital services**  
11 **provided to recipients of medical assistance.**

12 (3) **The task force shall focus on the different reimbursement methodologies for type A**  
13 **and type B hospitals, as defined in ORS 442.470, and for hospitals that are reimbursed on the**  
14 **basis of diagnosis-related groups.**

15 (4) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
16 **of business.**

17 (5) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
18 **of the task force.**

19 (6) **The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

20 (7) **If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**  
21 **ment to become immediately effective.**

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

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

25 (10) **The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**  
26 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**  
27 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

28 (11) **The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**  
29 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at such later time as the**  
30 **President and Speaker may designate.**

**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       **(12) The Legislative Administrator may employ persons necessary for the performance**  
2 **of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Administrator shall fix the duties and**  
3 **amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall use the services of per-**  
4 **manent legislative staff to the greatest extent practicable.**

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

9       **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**  
10 **regular biennial legislative session.**

11       **SECTION 3. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
12 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**  
13 **on its passage.**

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