

Senate Bill 855

Sponsored by Senator MONNES ANDERSON

SUMMARY

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Removes supervisory responsibility of Oregon Health Policy Commission over all health policy advisory committees and advisory task forces on health policy reporting to or appointed by Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to health policy and planning; amending ORS 414.021.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.021 is amended to read:

5 414.021. (1) The Administrator of the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall be
6 responsible for analyzing and reporting on the implementation of the elements of the Oregon Health
7 Plan that are assigned to various state agencies, including but not limited to the Department of
8 Human Services and the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

9 (2) The administrator shall administer the Health Services Commission, the Medicaid Advisory
10 Committee and the Health Resources Commission and provide administrative support to the Oregon
11 Health Policy Commission. Pursuant to the responsibilities described in this subsection and sub-
12 section (1) of this section, the administrator may review and monitor the progress of the various
13 activities that comprise Oregon's efforts to reform health care through state-funded and employer-
14 based coverage. Except for administration of the Health Services Commission, the Medicaid Advi-
15 sory Committee and the Health Resources Commission and providing administrative support to the
16 Oregon Health Policy Commission and as specifically authorized in ORS 414.018 to 414.024, 414.042,
17 414.107, 414.710, 414.720 and 735.712, the administrator shall not be responsible for the day-to-day
18 operations of the Oregon Health Plan, but shall exercise such oversight responsibilities as are nec-
19 essary to further the Oregon Health Plan's goals.

20 (3) The administrator shall employ such staff or utilize such state agency personnel as are nec-
21 essary to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of the administrator. In addition, the administrator
22 may contract with third parties for technical and administrative services necessary to carry out
23 Oregon Health Plan activities where contracting promotes economy, avoids duplication of effort and
24 makes best use of available expertise. The administrator may call upon other state agencies to
25 provide available information as necessary to assist the administrator in meeting the responsibilities
26 under ORS 414.018 to 414.024, 414.042, 414.107, 414.710, 414.720 and 735.712. The information shall
27 be supplied as promptly as circumstances permit.

28 (4) The Oregon Health Policy Commission shall serve as the primary advisory committee to the
29 administrator, the Governor and the Legislative Assembly. The administrator also may appoint other
30 technical or advisory committees to assist the Oregon Health Policy Commission in formulating its
31 advice. Individuals appointed to any technical or other advisory committee shall serve without

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 compensation for their services as members, but may be reimbursed for their travel expenses pur-
2 suant to ORS 292.495.

3 (5) The administrator may apply for, receive and accept grants, gifts and other payments, in-
4 cluding property and services, from any governmental or other public or private entity or person
5 and may make arrangements for the use of these receipts, including the undertaking of special
6 studies and other projects relating to health care costs and access to health care.

7 (6) The directors of the Departments of Human Services and Consumer and Business Services
8 and other state agency personnel responsible for implementing elements of the Oregon Health Plan
9 shall cooperate fully with the administrator in carrying out their responsibilities under the Oregon
10 Health Plan.

11 *[(7) All health policy advisory committees reporting to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and*
12 *Research and all advisory task forces on health policy appointed by the administrator shall report di-*
13 *rectly to the Oregon Health Policy Commission.]*

14 *[(8)(a)]* **(7)(a)** ORS 192.610 to 192.690 apply to any meeting of any technical or advisory com-
15 mittee or advisory task force with the authority to make decisions for, conduct policy research for
16 or make recommendations to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research.

17 (b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection applies only to meetings attended by two or more committee
18 or task force members who are not employed by a public body.

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