House Bill 2226

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK (Presession filed.)

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 feasibility of creating unified school of public health in Portland. Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2013 legislative session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to public health higher education; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on a Unified School of Public Health is established, consisting of seven members appointed as follows:
 - (a) The Chancellor of the Oregon University System shall appoint five members with the following qualifications:
 - (A) Two members who represent Oregon State University.
 - (B) Two members who represent Portland State University.
 - (C) One member who is a member of the Oregon Master of Public Health Program faculty.
 - (b) The president of the Oregon Health and Science University shall appoint two members who represent Oregon Health and Science University.
 - (2)(a) The task force shall study the feasibility of creating a unified School of Public Health, to be based in Portland, encompassing both undergraduate and graduate programs and including faculty from Oregon State University, Portland State University and Oregon Health and Science University.
 - (b) If creation of the new school is determined to be feasible, the task force shall submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education including administrative actions necessary to create the school, a timetable for creation of the school and recommendations for any necessary legislation no later than October 1, 2012.
 - (c) If creation of the new school is determined to be infeasible, the task force shall submit a report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education detailing the reasons for the determination no later than October 1, 2012.
 - (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
 - (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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.

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- (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- (9) The Oregon University System and Oregon Health and Science University shall provide staff support to the task force.
- (10) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon University System and Oregon Health and Science University for purposes of the task force.
- (11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013 legislative session.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect on its passage.

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