Senate Bill 936

Sponsored by Senator DEVLIN

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**.

Establishes Task Force on Long Term Care to make policy recommendations to Department of Human Services and Governor concerning access to and quality of long term care and long term care workforce.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to long term care; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) The Task Force on Long Term Care is established. The members of the

5 task force shall be appointed by the Director of Human Services and must include one or

6 more representatives from each of the following:

- 7 (a) Providers of long term care.
- 8 **(b) Consumer advocates.**

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- 9 (c) Area agencies on aging.
- 10 (d) The office of the long term care ombudsman.
- 11 (e) Nonprofit legal services offices.
- 12 (f) Community developmental disability services providers.
- (2) The task force shall advise the Department of Human Services and the Governor on
 policy options to address changes in utilization of various long term care settings serving
 seniors and people with disabilities. The task force shall focus its policy recommendations
 on:
- (a) Maintaining adequate access to Oregon's long term care settings by Medicaid recipi ents;
 - (b) Finding ways to improve the quality of long term care; and
- 20 (c) Maintaining an adequate long term care workforce.
- (3) A majority of the voting 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 voting
 members of the task force.
- 25 (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 appoint ment to become immediately effective.
- (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
- 30 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

1 (9) The department 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 department 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
 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

13 <u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 14 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect 15 on its passage.

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