

SB 450

Relating to improving the delivery of human services

Senate Bill 450 establishes the 20-member Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services. The task force is charged with performing a comprehensive study of the delivery of human services in the state of Oregon in order to identify improvements to regulatory policies, business practices, and technological solutions in order to identify efficiencies and cost savings, as well as to help individuals who need assistance to access and navigate the systems. To ensure a holistic and integrated approach, membership on the task force includes representatives from labor organizations; the Early Learning Council; the Department of Corrections; the Association of Oregon Counties; the Housing and Community Services Department; the Oregon Health Authority; advocates for persons with disabilities and recipients of self-sufficiencies services; experts on child welfare services; as well as the Legislature and the Department of Human Services.

The bill requires the task force to submit a preliminary report to an interim legislative committee by no later than February 15, 2014, and a final report by February 15, 2015.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 450 be amended and reported out “do pass” as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Thompson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

Revenue:

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 19, 2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes 20-member Task Force on Delivery of Human Services. Specifies membership, duties, powers and functions. Sunsets on convening date of 2015 Legislative Session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for the task force
- Fiscal impact

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Extends the sunset date from the convening of the 2015 to the 2016 Legislative Assembly; changes the reporting date for the preliminary report from October 1, 2013 to February 15, 2014; and changes the reporting date for the final report from June 1, 2014 to February 15, 2015.

BACKGROUND: Oregon is a national leader in health care delivery. Proponents assert that the human services delivery system has not received the same attention. Additionally, they assert that the current human services delivery system remains fragmented, bureaucratic, and difficult to navigate, leaving many Oregonians, who often need assistance from multiple programs, spending time filling out paperwork and talking with multiple caseworkers and that caseworkers are spending significant time with paper work and data entry rather than positive outcomes for clients.

The measure establishes a task force with the goal to create a true single point entry system and is client centered.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: SB 450 - B**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office***Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official***

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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Legislative Assembly, Department of Human Services (DHS), Housing and Community Services Department, Department of Corrections (DOC), Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Association of Oregon Counties, Early Learning Council

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

Senate Bill 450 B-Engrossed establishes the 20-member Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services charged with:

- Studying the delivery of human services in Oregon to streamline case management, and to help individuals who need assistance to access and navigate the systems.
- Investigating models for delivery of human services in other states.
- Identifying existing regulatory barriers that prevent a unified human services delivery system.
- Determining which human services programs and services are conducive to a unified delivery system and which must remain separate.
- Investigating how to improve information systems, and how to increase the efficiency of facilities usage.

The bill requires the task force to submit a preliminary report to an interim legislative committee by no later than February 15, 2014, and a final report by February 15, 2015. The task force sunsets on the convening of the 2016 Legislative Assembly. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is directed to provide staff support to the task force, and is required to pay for expense reimbursements. Members of the task force are entitled to reimbursements for travel and other expenses. The bill allows the task force to meet at times and places specified by the call of the chair or the majority of the voting members. The fiscal impact of meeting expenses is indeterminate depending on the geographic location of task force members, as well as the locations and frequencies of meetings. This fiscal assumes that DAS will use existing staff and resources to support the work of getting this task force started. However, it is likely that the staffing and reimbursement requirements of this task force, as well as the possible cumulative effect of the enactment of other task force bills that require DAS support, will require DAS to seek funding and position authority from the Legislative Assembly during the February 2014 session.

The Legislative Assembly, the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Housing and Community Services Department, the Department of Corrections, the Oregon Health Authority, the Association of Oregon Counties, and the Early Learning Council are required to appoint representatives to serve as members of the task force. Each of these entities anticipates reprioritizing duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
A-ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 450**

1 On page 3 of the printed A-engrossed bill, line 12, delete “October 1,
2 2013” and insert “February 15, 2014”.

3 In line 14, delete “interim” and delete “June 1, 2014” and insert “February
4 15, 2015”.

5 In line 26, delete “2015” and insert “2016”.

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