

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2348**

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senator STEINER HAYWARD (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to regional public health authorities; and declaring an emergency.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services is established, consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

**(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint from among members of the Senate one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.**

**(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint from among members of the House of Representatives one member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.**

**(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

**(A) One member who is a county commissioner;**

**(B) Two members who are county public health officials;**

**(C) One member with expertise and experience in local health care;**

**(D) Two members who represent local nonprofit entities that regularly work with public health departments; and**

**(E) One member who is an academic professional specializing in public health.**

**(d) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint three at large members.**

**(e) The Director of Human Services shall appoint one at large member.**

**(2)(a) The task force shall study the regionalization and consolidation of public health services and the future of public health services in this state in order to make recommendations for legislation.**

**(b) The task force shall focus on recommendations that:**

**(A) Create a public health system for the future.**

**(B) Explore the creation of regional structures to provide public health services that are consistent with the distribution of population and established patterns of delivery of health care services.**

**(C) Enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of public health services.**

**(D) Allow for appropriate partnerships with regional health care service providers and community organizations.**

**(E) Consider cultural and historical appropriateness.**

**(F) Are supported by best practices.**

**(3) The task force may inform its deliberations with the opinions and practices of nationally recognized experts and programs.**

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

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

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

(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

(8) 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.

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

(10)(a) No later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health, a report relating to the future of public health services, including an exploration of the regionalization and consolidation of public health services.

(b) If the task force determines that legislation is necessary, the report shall contain recommendations for legislative concepts.

(11) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

(12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volunteers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

(13) 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.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2016 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

SECTION 3. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.

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Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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