

House Bill 3393

Sponsored by Representative SPRENGER

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 on Educator Health Benefits. Requires task force to review benefit plans provided through Oregon Educators Benefit Board, analyze benefits provided by plans, determine if provision of plans resulted in savings to districts and report to legislative interim committee no later than date of convening of even-numbered year regular session of Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly.

Continuously appropriates moneys to task force for purposes of carrying out duties of task force. Sunsets task force on June 30, 2014.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a task force on educator health benefits; and appropriating money.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Educator Health Benefits consisting**
5 **of eight members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 (A) **Two members from among members of the Senate who are members of different**
8 **political parties; and**

9 (B) **Two members of the public who are not members of the Legislative Assembly, one**
10 **of whom is a nonmanagement district employee who is in a labor organization representing**
11 **district employees and one of whom is not eligible to participate in a benefit plan provided**
12 **under ORS 243.860 to 243.886 and has expertise in health insurance or in employee benefit**
13 **plan design or administration.**

14 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

15 (A) **Two members from among members of the House of Representatives who are mem-**
16 **bers of different political parties; and**

17 (B) **Two members of the public who are not members of the Legislative Assembly, one**
18 **of whom is a district management employee and one of whom is not eligible to participate**
19 **in a benefit plan provided under ORS 243.860 to 243.886 and has expertise in health insurance**
20 **or in employee benefit plan design or administration.**

21 (2) **The task force shall review the benefit plans provided through the Oregon Educators**
22 **Benefit Board, analyze the benefits provided by and the administration of the benefit plans**
23 **and determine whether the enactment of ORS 243.860 to 243.886 has resulted in cost savings**
24 **to the districts.**

25 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
26 **of business.**

27 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
28 **of the task force.**

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

2 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
3 ment to become immediately effective.

4 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
5 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

7 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
8 lation, to an interim committee related to education or public employment, as appropriate,
9 no later than the date of the convening of the even-numbered year regular session of the
10 Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly.

11 (10) The task force shall use the services of permanent legislative staff to the greatest
12 extent practicable.

13 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
14 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
15 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
16 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
17 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Legislative Assembly for that
18 purpose.

19 (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
20 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
21 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
22 consider necessary to perform their duties.

23 (13) The Legislative Administrator may accept, on behalf of the task force, contributions
24 of moneys and assistance from the United States Government or its agencies or from any
25 other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the moneys not inconsis-
26 tent with the duties of the task force.

27 (14) All moneys received by the Legislative Administrator under subsection (13) of this
28 section shall be paid into the State Treasury and deposited in the General Fund to the credit
29 of the task force. The moneys are continuously appropriated to the task force for the pur-
30 poses of carrying out the duties of the task force.

31 (15) As used in this section, "district" has the meaning given that term in ORS 243.860.

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on June 30, 2014.

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