

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 450**

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 12

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**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.

Establishes Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services. Specifies membership, duties, powers and functions.

Sunsets task force on date of convening of [2014] **2015** regular session of Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to improving the delivery of human services; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services is established, con-**  
5 **sisting of 20 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**  
7 **Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**  
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (c) **The Director of Human Services shall appoint seven members including:**

11 (A) **One person with expertise in the delivery of child welfare services;**

12 (B) **One person with expertise in the delivery of self-sufficiency services;**

13 (C) **One person who represents an organization that advocates for individuals involved in**  
14 **the child welfare system;**

15 (D) **One person who represents an organization that advocates for recipients of self-**  
16 **sufficiency services;**

17 (E) **One person with expertise in the delivery of services to seniors and persons with**  
18 **disabilities;**

19 (F) **One person who represents an organization that advocates for persons with disabili-**  
20 **ties; and**

21 (G) **One person with expertise in the delivery of services to persons with developmental**  
22 **disabilities.**

23 (d) **The Director of the Housing and Community Services Department shall appoint two**  
24 **members including:**

25 (A) **One person who works for the department and who has expertise in housing low-**  
26 **income individuals and families; and**

**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 (B) One person who represents a community organization that assists low-income indi-  
2 viduals and families in securing housing.

3 (e) The Director of the Department of Corrections shall appoint one person with exper-  
4 tise in assisting individuals on probation or post-prison supervision to secure housing and to  
5 find and maintain employment.

6 (f) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint one member with expertise  
7 in serving persons with mental illness who are living in the community.

8 (g) The Governor shall appoint five members including:

9 (A) One person recommended by the Association of Oregon Counties;

10 (B) One person who represents a labor organization that represents Department of Hu-  
11 man Services employees;

12 (C) One person who represents the Early Learning Council established by section 4,  
13 chapter 519, Oregon Laws 2011;

14 (D) One person who has experience working with or for a coordinated care organization,  
15 as defined in ORS 414.025; and

16 (E) One person with experience in workforce placement and retraining programs that  
17 help Oregonians return to stable employment.

18 (2) The task force shall:

19 (a)(A) Study the delivery of human services in this state and what is currently being done  
20 by the state agencies to streamline case management and to help persons who are involved  
21 in the systems or who are seeking assistance to access and navigate the systems.

22 (B) As used in this paragraph, "delivery of human services" includes, but is not limited  
23 to:

24 (i) The determination of eligibility for human services programs;

25 (ii) Enrolling individuals in human services programs and making referrals to other ap-  
26 propriate programs;

27 (iii) Ongoing case management; and

28 (iv) Providing assistance to individuals who are transitioning out of programs.

29 (b) Investigate models for the delivery of human services used in other states.

30 (c) Identify existing regulatory barriers that prevent a unified human services delivery  
31 system.

32 (d) Determine which human services programs and services are conducive to a unified  
33 delivery system and which programs and services must remain separate but should closely  
34 coordinate with a unified human services delivery system.

35 (e) Investigate how to improve information systems and the feasibility of creating a  
36 shared database.

37 (f) Investigate ways to use existing facilities more efficiently.

38 (3) The task force may:

39 (a) Receive testimony or reports from persons or agencies as the task force determines  
40 appropriate;

41 (b) Form subcommittees, as necessary, to assist in the work of the task force;

42 (c) Make recommendations to the Governor for changes to administrative rules or pro-  
43 cedures; and

44 (d) Make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly for legislative changes.

45 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction

1 of business.

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

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

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

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

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

10 (10) The task force shall submit a preliminary report to the interim committees of the  
11 Legislative Assembly related to human services, housing and corrections, as appropriate, no  
12 later than October 1, 2013. The task force shall submit a final report of its findings under  
13 subsection (2) of this section, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the ap-  
14 propriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than June 1, 2014.

15 (11) The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall provide staff support to the  
16 task force.

17 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
18 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
19 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
20 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appro-  
21 priated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services for purposes of the task force.

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

26 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2015  
27 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

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

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