

Senate Bill 450

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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 **as introduced**.

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

Sunset task force on date of convening of 2014 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Delivery of Human Services is established, consisting of 13 members appointed as follows:

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

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

(c) The Director of Human Services shall appoint four persons including:

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

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

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

(D) One person who represents an organization that advocates for recipients of self-sufficiency services.

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

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

(B) One member who represents a community organization that assists low-income individuals and families in securing housing.

(e) The Director of the Department of Corrections shall appoint two members including:

(A) One member with expertise in securing housing for individuals on probation or post-prison supervision; and

(B) One member with expertise in assisting individuals on probation or post-prison supervision to find and maintain employment.

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

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 **(2) The task force shall:**

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

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

6 **(c) Identify existing regulatory barriers that prevent a unified human services delivery**
7 **system.**

8 **(d) Determine which human services programs and services are conducive to a unified**
9 **delivery system and which programs and services must remain separate but should closely**
10 **coordinate with a unified human services delivery system.**

11 **(3) The task force may:**

12 **(a) Receive testimony or reports from persons or agencies as the task force determines**
13 **appropriate;**

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

15 **(c) Make recommendations to the Governor for changes to administrative rules or pro-**
16 **cedures; and**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 **(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**
29 **include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative As-**
30 **sembly related to human services, housing and corrections, as appropriate, no later than**
31 **October 1, 2013.**

32 **(11) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.**

33 **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
34 **entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other**
35 **expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and**
36 **amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appro-**
37 **propriated to Department of Human Services for purposes of the task force.**

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

42 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2014**
43 **regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.**

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

1 **on its passage.**

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