

Senate Bill 621

Sponsored by Senators MONNES ANDERSON, KRUSE

SUMMARY

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Requires Director of Oregon Health Authority to appoint temporary members to Health Evidence Review Commission if commission determines it lacks required expertise or upon request by interested outside party.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Health Evidence Review Commission; amending ORS 414.688 and 414.689.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.688 is amended to read:

5 414.688. (1) As used in this section:

6 (a) "Practice of pharmacy" has the meaning given that term in ORS 689.005.

7 (b) "Retail drug outlet" has the meaning given that term in ORS 689.005.

8 (2) The Health Evidence Review Commission is established in the Oregon Health Authority,
9 consisting of 13 **permanent** members appointed by the Governor in consultation with professional
10 and other interested organizations, and confirmed by the Senate, as follows:

11 (a) Five members must be physicians licensed to practice medicine in this state who have clin-
12 ical expertise in the areas of family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, perinatal health,
13 pediatrics, disabilities, geriatrics or general surgery. One of the physicians must be a doctor of
14 osteopathy, and one must be a hospital representative or a physician whose practice is significantly
15 hospital-based.

16 (b) One member must be a dentist licensed under ORS chapter 679 who has clinical expertise
17 in general, pediatric or public health dentistry.

18 (c) One member must be a public health nurse.

19 (d) One member must be a behavioral health representative who may be a social services
20 worker, alcohol and drug treatment provider, psychologist or psychiatrist.

21 (e) Two members must be consumers of health care who are patient advocates or represent the
22 areas of indigent services, labor, business, education or corrections.

23 (f) One member must be a complementary or alternative medicine provider who is a chiropractic
24 physician licensed under ORS chapter 684, a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685
25 or an acupuncturist licensed under ORS chapter 677.

26 (g) One member must be an insurance industry representative who may be a medical director
27 or other administrator.

28 (h) One member must be a pharmacy representative who engages in the practice of pharmacy
29 at a retail drug outlet.

30 (3) No more than six **permanent** members of the commission may be physicians either in active
31 practice or retired from practice.

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 (4) **Permanent** members of the commission serve for a term of four years at the pleasure of the
2 Governor. A member is eligible for reappointment.

3 (5) **If the commission or any of its advisory committees or subcommittees determines**
4 **that the permanent members lack current clinical or treatment expertise with respect to a**
5 **particular technology, or at the request of an interested outside party, the Director of the**
6 **Oregon Health Authority shall appoint for a specific term one or more temporary members**
7 **who have the requisite expertise. The temporary members shall have full voting rights with**
8 **respect to recommendations regarding the technology or treatment for which they were ap-**
9 **pointed but may not vote on any other issue before the commission, its advisory committees**
10 **or subcommittees.**

11 [(5)] (6) Members are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and nec-
12 essary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the
13 manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds
14 available to the Oregon Health Authority for purposes of the commission.

15 **SECTION 2.** ORS 414.689 is amended to read:

16 414.689. (1) The Health Evidence Review Commission shall select one of its **permanent** members
17 as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for terms and with duties and powers the commis-
18 sion determines necessary for the performance of the functions of the offices.

19 (2) A majority of the **permanent** members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the
20 transaction of business.

21 (3) The commission shall meet at least four times per year at a place, day and hour determined
22 by the chairperson. The commission also shall meet at other times and places specified by the call
23 of the chairperson or of a majority of the **permanent** members of the commission.

24 (4) The commission may use advisory committees or subcommittees whose members are ap-
25 pointed by the chairperson of the commission subject to approval by a majority of the **permanent**
26 members of the commission. The advisory committees or subcommittees may contain experts ap-
27 pointed by the chairperson and a majority of the **permanent** members of the commission. The con-
28 ditions of service of the experts will be determined by the chairperson and a majority of the
29 **permanent** members of the commission.

30 (5) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall provide staff and support services
31 to the commission.

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