

Enrolled Senate Bill 843

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to corrections health care costs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Work Group on Corrections Health Care Costs consisting of 13 members as follows:

(a) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate from among the members of the Senate, including one member from the Democratic party and one member recommended by the leadership of the Republican party.

(b) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among the members of the House of Representatives, including one member from the Democratic party and one member recommended by the leadership of the Republican party.

(c) The Director of the Department of Corrections or the director's designee.

(d) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority or the director's designee.

(e) The Director of the Oregon Youth Authority or the director's designee.

(f) Six members appointed by the Governor who have expertise in health care, health care costs and corrections, including one member from a labor organization representing corrections officers and one county sheriff.

(2) Under the direction of the Governor, the work group shall recommend legislation to be introduced in the 2014 regular session of the Legislative Assembly to establish the appropriate mechanisms to significantly lower the health care costs of the Department of Corrections. The work group shall prioritize legislative concepts that:

(a) Produce the greatest value for the department's health care expenditures;

(b) Consolidate health care functions as appropriate; and

(c) May be integrated into other initiatives in this state to reduce health care costs.

(3) A majority of the voting members of the work group constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(4) Official action by the work group requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the work group.

(5) The Governor shall select one member of the work group to serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson, for the terms and with the duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the Governor determines.

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

(7) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the work group are nonvoting members of the work group and may act in an advisory capacity only.

(8) The work group shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the work group.

(9) The work group may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the work group.

(10) The work group shall submit its recommendations for legislation to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care no later than January 1, 2014.

(11) The Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Corrections shall provide administrative and technical support to the work group.

(12) The work group shall have access to nationally recognized experts and information from nationally recognized health care programs to aid in its deliberations.

(13) Members of the work group who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions of the work group shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Corrections for purposes of the work group.

(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the work group 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 work group consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2014 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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Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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