

Enrolled
House Bill 2547

Sponsored by Representatives HOYLE, GILLIAM (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Housing with Services is established, consisting of 16 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Republican.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a Democrat and one of whom is a Republican.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the following members:

(A) One individual representing a Housing with Services project;

(B) Two individuals representing an affordable housing provider, a health care organization that serves medical assistance recipients or a community-based social service provider;

(C) One individual representing counties;

(D) One individual from the division of the Department of Human Services that administers programs for seniors and people with disabilities;

(E) One individual representing a residential care facility;

(F) Two individuals representing statewide nonprofit organizations that advocate for the service needs of seniors;

(G) One individual from a labor union that represents home care workers;

(H) The Long Term Care Ombudsman or a designee of the ombudsman;

(I) One individual from the division of the Department of Human Services that licenses residential facilities; and

(J) One individual from the Housing and Community Services Department.

(2) The task force shall seek input from stakeholders including, but not limited to:

(a) The Department of Veterans' Affairs;

(b) The director of the division in the Department of Justice responsible for consumer protection;

(c) County governments;

(d) Nonprofit civil legal services organizations;

(e) Residents of residential facilities for seniors;

(f) Providers of services to residents of housing facilities; and

(g) Organizations that advocate for seniors.

(3) The task force shall recommend:

(a) A definition for a Housing with Services project that addresses the physical characteristics of the facility, the types of residents served, the supportive and health services that are available and how the services are provided;

(b) Consumer protections to address resident expectations, needs and grievances within a Housing with Services project;

(c) Whom the residents may rely upon to assist them in advocating for their rights;

(d) Whether a standardized tenancy contract should be developed and, if so, what standard provisions should be included;

(e) Which government agency should be responsible for ensuring that residents' rights are protected, reports of abuse are quickly and thoroughly investigated and residents have a voice and avenue to express concerns and grievances;

(f) Whether a Housing with Services project should be licensed or registered and, if so, what the thresholds and standards for licensing or registration should be and which government agency should do the licensing or registration;

(g) Whether there are differences that should be addressed between a Housing with Services project and other licensed and unlicensed congregate senior supportive housing; and

(h) The safety standards for a Housing with Services project including:

(A) Fire safety, evacuation requirements, emergency and disaster preparedness and building codes; and

(B) Whether there should be standards for resident acuity based on the scope of supportive and health services provided, building code standards and potential safety risks.

(4) The task force shall investigate the market demand for Housing with Services projects.

(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

(11) All meetings of the task force are subject to ORS 192.610 to 192.690.

(12) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services and housing as appropriate no later than December 1, 2015.

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

(14) Members of the task force 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 task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Human Services for purposes of the task force.

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

SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services may not commit financial resources to a new Housing with Services project until the earlier of the date on which the Task Force

on Housing with Services submits its report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly or December 31, 2015.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2015.

SECTION 4. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.

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