

B-Engrossed
House Bill 2547

Ordered by the House June 26
Including House Amendments dated April 23 and June 26

Sponsored by Representatives HOYLE, GILLIAM (Presession filed.)

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.

Creates Task Force on Housing with Services. Specifies membership and duties. Requires report to interim committees related to human services and housing no later than December 1, 2015. Sunsets task force December 31, 2015.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to housing; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint the following members:**

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

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

15 (C) **One individual representing counties;**

16 (D) **One individual from the division of the Department of Human Services that admin-**
17 **isters programs for seniors and people with disabilities;**

18 (E) **One individual representing a residential care facility;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 (a) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs;**

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) The director of the division in the Department of Justice responsible for consumer**
2 **protection;**

3 **(c) County governments;**

4 **(d) Nonprofit civil legal services organizations;**

5 **(e) Residents of residential facilities for seniors;**

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

7 **(g) Organizations that advocate for seniors.**

8 **(3) The task force shall recommend:**

9 **(a) A definition for a Housing with Services project that addresses the physical charac-**
10 **teristics of the facility, the types of residents served, the supportive and health services that**
11 **are available and how the services are provided;**

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

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

15 **(d) Whether a standardized tenancy contract should be developed and, if so, what stand-**
16 **ard provisions should be included;**

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

20 **(f) Whether a Housing with Services project should be licensed or registered and, if so,**
21 **what the thresholds and standards for licensing or registration should be and which gov-**
22 **ernment agency should do the licensing or registration;**

23 **(g) Whether there are differences that should be addressed between a Housing with Ser-**
24 **vices project and other licensed and unlicensed congregate senior supportive housing; and**

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

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

28 **(B) Whether there should be standards for resident acuity based on the scope of sup-**
29 **portive and health services provided, building code standards and potential safety risks.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 2015.

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

3 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
4 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
5 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
6 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
7 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Human Ser-
8 vices for purposes of the task force.

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

13 SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services may not commit financial resources to
14 a new Housing with Services project until the earlier of the date on which the Task Force
15 on Housing with Services submits its report to the interim committees of the Legislative
16 Assembly or December 31, 2015.

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

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

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