

# House Bill 2878

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

## 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 to investigate barriers to health insurance coverage.  
Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to health insurance; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Insurance is established, consisting of mem-**  
5 **bers appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint at least three members from among mem-**  
7 **bers of the Senate.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint at least three members**  
9 **from among members of the House of Representatives.**

10 (2) **The task force shall investigate the barriers to health insurance coverage faced by**  
11 **residents of this state and what steps may be taken to address the barriers.**

12 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
13 **of business.**

14 (4) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
15 **of the task force.**

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

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

19 (7) **The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
20 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

21 (8) **The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

22 (9) **The task force may pre-session file legislation in the manner provided in ORS 171.130**  
23 **for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official action of the task force must**  
24 **indicate that it is introduced at the request of the task force.**

25 (10) **The task force shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided in**  
26 **ORS 192.245 at any time within 30 days after its final meeting or at such later time as the**  
27 **President and Speaker may designate.**

28 (11) **The Legislative Administrator may employ persons necessary for the performance**  
29 **of the functions of the task force. The Legislative Administrator shall fix the duties and**  
30 **amounts of compensation of these employees. The task force shall use the services of con-**  
31 **tinuing legislative staff, without employing additional persons, to the greatest extent practi-**

**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.

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

6 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

7 SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect  
9 on its passage.

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