

Senate Bill 479

Sponsored by Senator EDWARDS (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 **as introduced**.

Creates Task Force on Clinical Research of Cannabis and directs task force to study and report on development of medical cannabis industry that provides patients with medical products that meet individual patient needs. Requires report to be submitted to interim committee on health no later than September 15, 2016.

Sunset December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the clinical research of cannabis; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Clinical Research of Cannabis is established, consist-**
5 **ing of the following nine members appointed by the Governor:**

6 (a) **One member with expertise in clinical research;**

7 (b) **One member with expertise in clinical research who specializes in organic chemistry;**

8 (c) **One member with expertise in agricultural research;**

9 (d) **One member with expertise in agricultural research who specializes in botany,**
10 **genomics or plant pathology;**

11 (e) **One member with expertise in finance and economics;**

12 (f) **One member with expertise in finance and economics who is knowledgeable about in-**
13 **tellectual property law;**

14 (g) **One member with expertise in the needs of patients who suffer from medical condi-**
15 **tions that may be addressed through the medical use of cannabis;**

16 (h) **One member with expertise in the needs of patients who suffer from medical condi-**
17 **tions that may be addressed through the use of cannabis who is licensed to practice medicine**
18 **under ORS chapter 677; and**

19 (i) **One member who is knowledgeable about the laws of this state related to marijuana.**

20 (2) **In making appointments under subsection (1) of this section, the Governor shall**
21 **consider recommendations made by organizations that study the medicinal applications of**
22 **cannabis and agricultural, technological and innovative ways of achieving those applications.**

23 (3) **The task force shall study and make a report on the development of a medical**
24 **cannabis industry that provides patients with medical products that meet individual patient**
25 **needs. The report must address:**

26 (a) **The manner in which specific medical uses of cannabis provide for individual patient**
27 **needs;**

28 (b) **Whether adequate clinical research is being conducted on the medical uses of**
29 **cannabis;**

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 (c) Ways to further incentivize clinical research on the medical uses of cannabis;

2 (d) The adequacy of communication between cultivators, patients, physicians, service
3 professionals, researchers and legislative decision makers share data related to the medical
4 use of cannabis;

5 (e) How communication channels between cultivators, patients, physicians, service pro-
6 fessionals, researchers and legislative decision makers can be improved to better provide for
7 the sharing of data; and

8 (f) The means by which the public can be educated about the medical benefits of
9 cannabis.

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

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

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

15 (7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-
16 come immediately effective.

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

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

20 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may
21 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-
22 bly related to health no later than September 15, 2016.

23 (11) The Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall provide staff support to the task force.

24 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed
25 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of
26 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-
27 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to commission for purposes of the task force.

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

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

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

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