

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 844**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest  
2 of the line and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 14 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Researching the Medical and**  
5 **Public Health Properties of Cannabis is established, consisting of 15**  
6 **members appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from**  
8 **among members of the Senate.**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one**  
10 **member from among members of the House of Representatives.**

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

12 **“(A) One member who represents the Oregon Liquor Control Com-**  
13 **mission and is knowledgeable about sections 3 to 70, chapter 1, Oregon**  
14 **Laws 2015;**

15 **“(B) One member who represents the Oregon Health Authority and**  
16 **is knowledgeable about ORS 475.300 to 475.346;**

17 **“(C) One member who represents the Department of Justice;**

18 **“(D) One member who represents the Oregon Health and Science**  
19 **University and is knowledgeable about at least one debilitating medical**  
20 **condition, as defined in ORS 475.302;**

21 **“(E) One member who represents the Oregon University System and**  
22 **is knowledgeable about the availability of federal grants for research-**

1 **ing cannabis;**  
2 **“(F) One member with expertise in agricultural research;**  
3 **“(G) One member with expertise in microbiology;**  
4 **“(H) One member with expertise in substance abuse treatment;**  
5 **“(I) One member with expertise in neurology;**  
6 **“(J) One member with expertise in oncology;**  
7 **“(K) One member with expertise in palliative care;**  
8 **“(L) One member who has been designated as a person responsible**  
9 **for a marijuana grow site under ORS 475.304; and**  
10 **“(M) One member with expertise in measuring**  
11 **tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol levels and in identifying other**  
12 **cannabinoid compounds that have a potential effect on specific med-**  
13 **ical conditions.**  
14 **“(2) The task force shall study and make a report on the develop-**  
15 **ment of a medical cannabis industry that provides patients with med-**  
16 **ical products that meet individual patient needs. The report must:**  
17 **“(a) Identify and assess the validity of research related to the**  
18 **medical properties of cannabis that have been conducted in other**  
19 **countries and in other states and territories of the United States;**  
20 **“(b) Assess the potential for this state to collaborate with other**  
21 **states that have legalized the medical or recreational use of cannabis**  
22 **for purposes related to researching the medical properties of cannabis;**  
23 **“(c) Identify key research areas related to the medical properties**  
24 **of cannabis;**  
25 **“(d) Identify legal barriers to the establishment of laboratories that**  
26 **research the medical properties of cannabis, including barriers related**  
27 **to the possession, delivery and manufacture of marijuana;**  
28 **“(e) Identify legal barriers to the use of institutional review boards**  
29 **in approving, monitoring and reviewing research involving the medical**  
30 **properties of cannabis;**

1       “(f) Propose solutions to structuring and funding research that in-  
2 volves the medical properties of cannabis, including solutions that in-  
3 volve state programs and moneys and solutions that involve  
4 investment by private businesses and business sectors; and

5       “(g) Assess the potential of locating a cannabis grow site for re-  
6 search purposes in this state and, if appropriate, setting forth a plan  
7 for the establishment of a cannabis grow site for research purposes in  
8 this state.

9       “(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a  
10 quorum for the transaction of business.

11       “(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a  
12 majority of the members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

22       “(9) The task force shall:

23       “(a) Submit a report updating the task force’s progress in carrying  
24 out the duties of the task force pursuant to subsection (2) of this sec-  
25 tion, including any recommendations for legislation, in the manner  
26 provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative  
27 Assembly related to health, and any interim committee of the Legis-  
28 lative Assembly related to marijuana, no later than December 15, 2015;  
29 and

30       “(b) Submit the report described in subsection (2) of this section,

1 including any recommendations for legislation, in the manner pro-  
2 vided by ORS 192.245 to the interim committees of the Legislative As-  
3 sembly related to health, and any interim committee of the Legislative  
4 Assembly related to marijuana, no later than February 1, 2016.

5 “(10) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the  
6 task force.

7 “(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-  
8 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-  
9 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by  
10 them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
11 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in  
12 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-  
13 propriated to the Oregon Health Authority for purposes of the task  
14 force.

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

20 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31,  
21 2017.

22 “SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate  
23 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
24 declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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