

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 419

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

April 21

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line and in-
2 sert “and prescribing an effective date.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 27 and delete pages 2 through 6 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Care Cost Review is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of 17 members as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 **“(A) Three members appointed from among members of the Senate; and**

8 **“(B) Two members of the public with health care experience.**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

10 **“(A) Three members appointed from among members of the House of Representatives;**
11 **and**

12 **“(B) Two members of the public with health care experience.**

13 **“(c) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority.**

14 **“(d) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.**

15 **“(e) Four members nominated by a statewide hospital trade association, including at least**
16 **one member who represents a rural hospital.**

17 **“(f) The chairperson of the Oregon Health Policy Board.**

18 **“(3) The task force shall study the feasibility of creating a hospital rate-setting process**
19 **modeled on the process used by the Health Services Cost Review Commission in Maryland,**
20 **including but not limited to:**

21 **“(a) How such a rate-setting process would impact the accessibility and cost of health**
22 **services currently provided in this state, promote quality care and impact overall medical**
23 **cost containment;**

24 **“(b) How a rate-setting process would interact with and impact coordinated care organ-**
25 **izations, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, the Oregon Educators Benefit Board, other**
26 **state programs purchasing health care and other cost containment efforts;**

27 **“(c) The potential impact on health insurers;**

28 **“(d) The likely cost of the rate-setting process;**

29 **“(e) The potential need for and likelihood of obtaining a waiver of Medicare requirements**
30 **similar to the waiver obtained by the commission in Maryland; and**

31 **“(f) Why similar efforts to create a hospital rate-setting process in Washington and other**
32 **states failed, were not implemented or were withdrawn from consideration.**

33 **“(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the trans-**
34 **action of business.**

35 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**

1 of the task force.

2 “(6) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall serve as
3 chairperson.

4 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
5 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

9 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
10 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
11 Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2018.

12 “(11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task
13 force.

14 “(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for
15 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

20 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

21 “SECTION 3. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017
22 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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