

Senate Bill 51

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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 on Behavior Health. Requires task force to report findings and recommendations to interim committee related to health care on or before December 31, 2017.

Sunsets task force December 31, 2018.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to behavioral health; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Behavior Health is established.**

4 **(2) The task force consists of 10 members jointly appointed by the Oregon Health Au-**
5 **thority and the Oregon Health Policy Board. The members must be:**

6 **(a) Two members who are behavioral health providers;**

7 **(b) Two members who represent coordinated care organizations;**

8 **(c) Two members who represent community mental health programs;**

9 **(d) Two members of the public who are consumers of behavioral health services; and**

10 **(e) Two members who represent the board.**

11 **(3) The task force shall investigate models for the integration of behavioral health with**
12 **physical health, best practices for removing barriers to behavioral health care and methods**
13 **to improve training of physicians licensed under ORS chapter 677 in the treatment of be-**
14 **havioral health issues.**

15 **(4) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and**
16 **collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force's duties.**

17 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
18 **of business.**

19 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
20 **of the task force.**

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

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

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

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

27 **(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may**
28 **include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-**
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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 bly related to health care no later than December 31, 2017.

2 (12) The authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

3 (13) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for
4 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

5 (14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
6 the task force in the performance of duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
7 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
8 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

10 SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
12 on its passage.

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