

Requested by Senator BEYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 419**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line and insert “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 es-**
5 **tablished.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 **“(e) Four members nominated by a statewide hospital trade associ-**
19 **ation, including at least one member who represents a rural hospital.**

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

21 **“(3) The task force shall study the feasibility of creating a hospital**

1 rate-setting process modeled on the process used by the Health Ser-
2 vices Cost Review Commission in Maryland, including but not limited
3 to:

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

7 “(b) How a rate-setting process would interact with and impact co-
8 ordinated care organizations, the Public Employees’ Benefit Board, the
9 Oregon Educators Benefit Board, other state programs purchasing
10 health care and other cost containment efforts;

11 “(c) The potential impact on health insurers;

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

13 “(e) The potential need for and likelihood of obtaining a waiver of
14 Medicare requirements similar to the waiver obtained by the commis-
15 sion in Maryland; and

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18 withdrawn from consideration.

19 “(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a
20 quorum for the transaction of business.

21 “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a
22 majority of the members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

1 the task force.

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

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

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

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

16 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31,
17 2018.

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

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