



Task Force on Universal Health Care Update for Senate Health Care November 16, 2022

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The Joint Task Force on Universal Health Care was established by [SB 770](#) (2019) to design a universal health care system that is equitable, affordable, and comprehensive, provides high quality health care and is publicly funded and available to every individual residing in Oregon.

As the Task Force completed its [Interim Status Report](#) (June 2021), the Legislature passed [SB 428](#) (2021), extending the Task Force through September 2022 to develop and refine its recommendations.

The Task Force continues to meet [monthly](#) to resolve outstanding design elements. In coming months, the Task Force will engage in two key actions to support the development of a viable, enduring system for universal care:

- **Public Engagement** (April-August 2022). The Task Force will seek public input, including a two-phased approach for community engagement with facilitated focus groups and interactive listening sessions, as well as engagement of the business community and healthcare industry. Feedback from public engagement will be incorporated into the final report.
- **Expenditure and Revenue Analysis** (Nov. 2021-May 2022). A working group of Task Force members will prepare financial estimates for a universal system developed in consultation with the Legislative Revenue Office and an actuarial contractor.

Monthly Task Force meetings are available to [view on OLIS](#) via live stream and recording. Public comment is welcome. The Task Force looks forward to sharing its final report with the Legislature in September 2022.

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Chair: Bruce Goldberg, M.D.; **Vice Chair:** Zeenia Junkeer, N.D.

Membership: 21 members (4 legislators, 17 exec. appts).

Legislative members: Sen. Dick Anderson, Sen. James Manning Jr., Rep. Cedric Hayden, Rep. Marty Wilde.

Staff: Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO), Oregon Health Authority (OHA).