A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to kidney disease; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force is established.

(2) The task force consists of members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the following members:

(A) One member representing the Oregon Health Authority;

(B) One member representing dialysis providers;

(C) One member representing a medical center with a nephrology program or a kidney transplant program;

(D) One member representing nephrologists;

(E) One member representing a nonprofit organ procurement organization;

(F) One member representing the National Kidney Foundation;

(G) One member representing the American Kidney Fund;

(H) One member representing patients in this state with kidney disease;

(I) Two members who are:

(i) From an organization serving communities of color; or

(ii) Patient advocates for communities of color;

(J) One member representing public health clinics; and

(K) One member representing community health centers.

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.
(3) The Governor may appoint one or more additional members to represent public health clinics, community health centers, minority health organizations or insurers.

(4) Members of the task force serve for three-year terms and may be reappointed.

(5) The task force shall:

(a) Develop a sustainable plan to raise awareness about early detection of kidney disease, promote health equity and reduce the burden of kidney disease statewide.

(b) Design an ongoing public information and awareness campaign about kidney disease that may include health education workshops and seminars, research, preventive screening and social media, television and radio advertising.

(c) Take into consideration cultural differences and develop strategies to provide historically disadvantaged communities with information and material associated with any kidney disease awareness campaign.

(d) Work with the authority to align kidney disease awareness campaigns with existing public awareness campaigns to better serve public health.

(6) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(7) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

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

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

(11) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

(12) The task force shall report its plan and activities described in subsection (5) of this section, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health no later than December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter.

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

(14) The task force may apply for or accept public or private funding to carry out the goals of this section.

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

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

SECTION 2. All appointments to the Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force made by the Governor under section 1 (2)(c) of this 2021 Act must be completed by January 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2028.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.