

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1079**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “care” insert “; and declaring an emer-
2 gency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Governor shall appoint a task force consisting
5 of:**

6 **“(a) Five members representing hospitals, including at least one
7 member each representing a type A hospital and a type B hospital, as
8 described in ORS 442.470;**

9 **“(b) One member representing nurses;**

10 **“(c) One member representing frontline workers in health care
11 settings, including long term care facilities, acute care facilities, adult
12 foster homes and in-home care;**

13 **“(d) One member representing long term care facilities including
14 skilled nursing facilities;**

15 **“(e) One member representing behavioral care health facilities;**

16 **“(f) One member representing consumers of health care;**

17 **“(g) One member representing commercial insurers that offer
18 health benefit plans;**

19 **“(h) One member representing coordinated care organizations; and**

20 **“(i) One member representing social service providers who serve
21 individuals who are homeless.**

1 **“(2) The task force shall recommend legislative and administrative**
2 **solutions to address the challenges faced by post-acute health care**
3 **systems including but not limited to:**

4 **“(a) Strategies to identify the appropriate number of beds, staff or**
5 **services in the long term care, behavioral health care and other health**
6 **care systems that are necessary for planning for the safe and effective**
7 **discharge of patients from hospital settings;**

8 **“(b) Policy changes needed to ensure an adequate number of beds**
9 **and staff are available for the discharge of patients from post-acute**
10 **facilities;**

11 **“(c) Identifying barriers to placing patients in existing post-acute**
12 **facilities when there is capacity and how to address the barriers;**

13 **“(d) Developing policies for the discharge of patients who are**
14 **homeless, including by requiring individualized planning for each pa-**
15 **tient with respect to housing or temporary shelter, food, clothing and**
16 **other needs of the patient;**

17 **“(e) State agency coordination and efficiencies needed to ensure**
18 **that patient’s needs are being met in the appropriate care setting; and**

19 **“(f) Any necessary federal approvals needed to establish federal and**
20 **state partnerships on policy and for securing potential federal re-**
21 **sources.**

22 **“(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**
23 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

24 **“(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
25 **majority of the members of the task force.**

26 **“(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**
27 **chairperson.**

28 **“(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make**
29 **an appointment to become immediately effective.**

30 **“(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**

1 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task
2 force.

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

5 “(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
6 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
7 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
8 no later than September 15, 2023.

9 “(10) The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health
10 Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

11 “(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
12 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement
13 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

14 “SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
16 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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