

Requested by Senator GORSEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1594**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “providers” insert “; and de-
2 claring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 19 and delete pages 2 and 3.

4 On page 4, delete line 1 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Improving the Safety of Be-
6 havioral Health Workers is established.**

7 **“(2) The task force consists of 16 members appointed as follows:**

8 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from
9 among members of the Senate.**

10 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two
11 members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

12 **“(c) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint:**

13 **“(A) Four employers of behavioral health workers;**

14 **“(B) Two behavioral health workers;**

15 **“(C) Two representatives of organized labor representing behavioral
16 health workers;**

17 **“(D) One consumer of behavioral health services; and**

18 **“(E) One representative of the state protection and advocacy system
19 described in ORS 192.517 (1).**

20 **“(d) The Governor shall appoint:**

21 **“(A) One member from the Governor’s staff; and**

1 **“(B) One member from the Occupational Safety and Health Division**
2 **of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.**

3 **“(3) The task force shall produce a set of recommendations for im-**
4 **proving the safety of behavioral health workers.**

5 **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
6 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

7 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
8 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**

9 **“(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**
10 **chairperson.**

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

13 **“(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
14 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**
15 **task force.**

16 **“(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
17 **the task force.**

18 **“(10) No later than September 1, 2024, the task force shall submit**
19 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
20 **health a preliminary report containing draft policy recommendations**
21 **for improving worker safety.**

22 **“(11) No later than December 1, 2024, the task force shall report the**
23 **task force’s final recommendations, in the manner provided by ORS**
24 **192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related**
25 **to health. The report shall also contain legislative proposals, for con-**
26 **sideration by the committees, to address the safety concerns that are**
27 **prevalent in the behavioral health industry, including but not limited**
28 **to proposals for:**

29 **“(a) Minimum structural security requirements for behavioral**
30 **health settings;**

- 1 **“(b) Safe staffing levels;**
2 **“(c) Standards for reporting assaults;**
3 **“(d) Updating the safety training for workers;**
4 **“(e) Minimum requirements for training workers with respect to**
5 **workplace safety protocols;**
6 **“(f) Minimum standards for safety protocols and procedures;**
7 **“(g) Incentive-based programs and enforcement mechanisms to en-**
8 **sure compliance with all worker safety and training requirements; and**
9 **“(h) Potential funding mechanisms to pay for the requirements.**

10 **“(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide**
11 **staff support to the task force and the Legislative Counsel shall pro-**
12 **vide legal support for the drafting of legislative proposals.**

13 **“(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**
14 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**
15 **visory capacity only.**

16 **“(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-**
17 **islative Assembly or Governor appointees shall be paid compensation**
18 **and reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses**
19 **incurred by them in the performance of their official duties on the**
20 **task force in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495.**

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

26 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31,**
27 **2025.”.**

28 After line 17, insert:

29 **“SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
30 **ation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority, for the**

1 **biennium ending June 30, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount**
2 **of \$1,000,000, which shall be distributed to the United We Heal Training**
3 **Trust to be used for providing grants to improve the safety of workers**
4 **in behavioral health settings.**

5 **“SECTION 6. This 2024 Act being necessary for the immediate**
6 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
7 **declared to exist, and this 2024 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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