

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 including one  
14 from county government;**

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

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

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

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

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

- 1       **“(A) One member from the Governor’s staff; and**  
2       **“(B) One member from the Occupational Safety and Health Division**  
3 **of the Department of Consumer and Business Services.**
- 4       **“(3) The task force shall produce a set of recommendations for im-**  
5 **proving the safety of behavioral health workers.**
- 6       **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**  
7 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**
- 8       **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**  
9 **majority of the voting members of the task force.**
- 10       **“(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**  
11 **chairperson.**
- 12       **“(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**  
13 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**
- 14       **“(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**  
15 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the**  
16 **task force.**
- 17       **“(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**  
18 **the task force.**
- 19       **“(10) No later than September 1, 2024, the task force shall submit**  
20 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**  
21 **health a preliminary report containing draft policy recommendations**  
22 **for improving worker safety.**
- 23       **“(11) No later than December 1, 2024, the task force shall report the**  
24 **task force’s final recommendations, in the manner provided by ORS**  
25 **192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related**  
26 **to health. The report shall also contain legislative proposals, for con-**  
27 **sideration by the committees, to address the safety concerns that are**  
28 **prevalent in the behavioral health industry, including but not limited**  
29 **to proposals for:**
- 30       **“(a) Minimum structural security requirements for behavioral**

1 **health settings;**  
2 **“(b) Safe staffing levels;**  
3 **“(c) Standards for reporting assaults;**  
4 **“(d) Updating the safety training for workers;**  
5 **“(e) Minimum requirements for training workers with respect to**  
6 **workplace safety protocols;**  
7 **“(f) Minimum standards for safety protocols and procedures;**  
8 **“(g) Incentive-based programs and enforcement mechanisms to en-**  
9 **sure compliance with all worker safety and training requirements; and**  
10 **“(h) Potential funding mechanisms to pay for the requirements.**  
11 **“(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide**  
12 **staff support to the task force and the Legislative Counsel shall pro-**  
13 **vide legal support for the drafting of legislative proposals.**  
14 **“(13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task**  
15 **force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-**  
16 **visory capacity only.**  
17 **“(14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-**  
18 **islative Assembly or Governor appointees shall be paid compensation**  
19 **and reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses**  
20 **incurred by them in the performance of their official duties on the**  
21 **task force in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495.**  
22 **“(15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**  
23 **are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties**  
24 **of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**  
25 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**  
26 **task force consider necessary to perform their duties.**  
27 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31,**  
28 **2025.”.**  
29 After line 17, insert:  
30 **“SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**

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

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

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