

House Bill 3280

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates the Task Force on Rural Medical Training Facilities. The Act tells the task force to research issues related to shortages of nurses and other medical professionals in rural areas. The Act would end the task force on a certain date. The Act takes effect when the Governor signs it. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.4).

Establishes a Task Force on Rural Medical Training Facilities. Directs the task force to investigate issues related to alleviating a shortage of skilled and experienced nurses and medical technicians in or near Douglas County.

Sunsets on December 31, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rural medical training facilities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Rural Medical Training Facilities is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint seven members, who must be:**

11 **(A) A representative from the City of Roseburg;**

12 **(B) A representative from Douglas County;**

13 **(C) A representative from a hospital or medical facility located in or near Douglas**
14 **County;**

15 **(D) A representative from the Roseburg VA Medical Center;**

16 **(E) A nurse, nurse practitioner, medical technician or other health practitioner who re-**
17 **sides in or near Douglas County and who has experience training students in nursing or as**
18 **medical technicians;**

19 **(F) A representative from the Oregon State Board of Nursing; and**

20 **(G) A representative from the Oregon Health Authority.**

21 **(3) In addition to the members described in subsection (2) of this section, the task force**
22 **may upon its own motion add a representative from a university or community college if the**
23 **task force has previously identified the university or community college as an educational**
24 **institution that is willing to seek investment opportunities in or near Roseburg.**

25 **(4) The task force shall investigate issues related to alleviating a shortage of skilled and**
26 **experienced nurses and medical technicians in Roseburg and in Douglas County, with a par-**
27 **ticular emphasis on issues related to establishing a training facility in partnership with an**

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.

1 academic program in or near Roseburg. The task force shall also investigate and discuss
2 methods of reintegration into society through higher education and career training for vet-
3 erans who are transitioning out of military service.

4 (5) The task force may:

5 (a) Consult experts and perform original research;

6 (b) Receive testimony and documentation in any form;

7 (c) Issue requests for information, and requests for quotations and other documents, in
8 collaboration and partnership with the City of Roseburg and Douglas County; and

9 (d) Perform any other task that is necessary to carry out the mission described in sub-
10 section (4) of this section.

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

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

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

16 (9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
17 ment to become immediately effective.

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

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

21 (12) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
22 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
23 Assembly related to health care no later than December 15, 2026.

24 (13) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide staff support to the task force.

25 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
26 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
27 force.

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

32 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.

33 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
34 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
35 on its passage.

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