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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKPLACE STANDARDS (at the request of Representative Dacia Grayber)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2249**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and prescribing
2 an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Care Apprenticeships
5 and Career Pathways is established.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 11 members appointed by the Gover-
7 nor as follows:**

8 **“(a) The executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating
9 Commission, or designee of the executive director;**

10 **“(b) The executive director of the Oregon State Board of Nursing,
11 or designee of the executive director;**

12 **“(c) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, or
13 designee of the commissioner;**

14 **“(d) The Director of Human Services, or designee of the director;**

15 **“(e) A representative of the office of the Governor;**

16 **“(f) A representative of an employer of health care providers;**

17 **“(g) A representative of a union that represents behavioral health
18 care workers;**

19 **“(h) A representative of a union that represents acute health care
20 providers who work in hospitals;**

21 **“(i) A representative of acute health care providers;**

- 1 “(j) A representative of long term care facilities; and
- 2 “(k) A representative of behavioral health care providers.
- 3 “(3) The task force shall identify challenges in navigating the re-
- 4 quirements for licensure, accreditation and apprenticeships for health
- 5 care providers and specifically shall identify:
- 6 “(a) Barriers to apprenticeship in health care professions and ways
- 7 to remove those barriers;
- 8 “(b) Policies that support providing credit in career pathways for
- 9 completed prior learning and apprenticeships across care settings to
- 10 encourage career mobility among current health care workers; and
- 11 “(c) How to expand health care apprenticeships in this state for
- 12 certified alcohol and drug counselors, certified nursing assistants,
- 13 dental assistants, certified medical assistants and surgical
- 14 technologists.
- 15 “(4) The task force may consult with experts and adopt rules as
- 16 necessary to carry out its duties.
- 17 “(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a
- 18 quorum for the transaction of business.
- 19 “(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a
- 20 majority of the appointed members of the task force.
- 21 “(7) The Governor shall appoint one member of the task force to
- 22 serve as chairperson.
- 23 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make
- 24 an appointment to become immediately effective.
- 25 “(9) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
- 26 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task
- 27 force.
- 28 “(10) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation
- 29 of the task force.
- 30 “(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided

1 in ORS 192.245, and shall include recommendations for legislation re-
2 lated to the topics described in subsection (3) of this section, to the
3 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care
4 no later than September 15, 2026.

5 “(12) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the
6 task force.

7 “(13) Notwithstanding ORS 292.495, members of the task force are
8 not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve
9 as volunteers on the task force.

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

15 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31,
16 2026.

17 “SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
18 date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative
19 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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