

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: February 2, 2026  
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## HEALTH EVIDENCE REVIEW COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Health Evidence Review Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointment

Cynthia Levesque of Medford

### Reappointment

Ben Hoffman of Portland

### Terms

Hoffman: March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2030

Levesque: February 20, 2026 – February 19, 2030

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 414.688 \(2025\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission consists of 13 members:

- five licensed physicians with clinical expertise in family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, perinatal health, pediatrics, disabilities, geriatrics, or general surgery (**HOFFMAN**, KAISER, KANSAGARA, LYON, SCHABEL);
  - one must be an osteopathic doctor (KAISER); and
  - one must be a hospital representative or physician whose practice is significantly hospital-based (KANSAGARA);
- one licensed dentist with clinical expertise in general, pediatric, or public health dentistry (GEISLER);
- one public health nurse (PINZON);

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2025\)](#) and [ORS 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 414.688 and 414.689 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one behavioral health representative who may be a social services worker, alcohol and drug treatment provider, psychologist, or psychiatrist (**LEVESQUE**);
- two health care consumers who are patient advocates or represent the areas of indigent services, labor, business, education, or corrections (**COLLINS, SERRES**);
- one complementary or alternative medicine provider who is a licensed chiropractic physician, naturopathic physician, or acupuncturist (**KOUZES**);
- one insurance industry representative who may be a medical director or other administrator (**BUCHHOLZ**); and
- one pharmacy representative from a retail drug outlet (**FORTNER**).

No more than six members may be physicians, either in active practice or retired. Members serve four-year terms. The commission selects its chair and vice chair.

### **Duties**<sup>4</sup>

The commission develops and maintains a prioritized list of health services which are reported to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Legislative Assembly, and the Governor. In completing this work, the commission must:

- regularly solicit testimony and information from stakeholders;
- actively solicit public involvement through a public meeting process to guide health resource allocation decisions;
- develop and maintain a list of health services ranked by priority, representing the comparative benefits of each service to the population to be served, and submit the list to OHA for budget considerations;
- consider both the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of health services, including drug therapies, in determining their relative importance using peer-reviewed medical literature;
- report to the Legislative Assembly each regular legislative session, submit a copy to the governor, and post on the OHA website;
- develop and administer a medical technology assessment process to evaluate the effectiveness of research of medical technologies; and
- consult with an advisory committee in determining priorities for mental health care and chemical dependency.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 414.690 to 414.704 \(2025\)](#).



## Health Evidence Review Commission

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 414.688**

Min Members: **13** Max Members: **13**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Jason Gingerich**

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**Health Evidence Review Commission**

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## Current Appointments

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**Dr. Lyon, Lawrence**

Physician

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **11/1/2023 - 10/31/2027**

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**DO Kaiser, Maximilian "Max" S**

Physician (Osteopathic Doctor)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027**

**1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023**

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**Dr Hoffman, Benjamin "Ben" D**

Physician (Pediatrics)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2026 - 2/28/2030**

**3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

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**Dr Kansagara, Devan L**

Physician (Hospital Rep or Hospital-Based Practice)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026**

**1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022**

**9/25/2017 - 12/31/2018**

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**Geisler, Stacy**

Dentist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **12/13/2025 - 12/12/2029**

**1/1/2022 - 12/12/2025**

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**Pinzon, Cristina "Cris" B**

Public Health Nurse

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/15/2025 - 3/14/2029**

**3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025**

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**Dr Lindsey, Lynnea PhD** Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025**  
Behavioral Health Rep **1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021**  
Appointed By: Governor **9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017**  
Position Number: **8**

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**Levesque, Cynthia** Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 2/19/2030**  
Behavioral Health Rep  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **8**

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**Mr Collins, Michael "Mike" J** Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027**  
Consumer Representative **1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023**  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **9**

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**Mr Serres, Matthew "Matt" E JD** Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**  
Consumer Rep  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **10**

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**Dr Kouzes, Lisa A DC** Term(s): **2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028**  
Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **11**

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**Buchholz, Mark** Term(s): **2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028**  
CCO/Insurance Rep  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **12**

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**Fortner, Jeff** Term(s): **1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029**  
Retail Pharmacist  
Appointed By: Governor  
Position Number: **13**

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## Vacant Positions

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
4	Dr Schabel, Kathryn "Kate" LS	Governor	5/15/2023	5/14/2027
4	Dr Schabel, Kathryn "Kate" LS	Governor	5/15/2019	5/14/2023
4	Dr Williams, Susan L	Governor	1/1/2015	12/31/2018
4	Dr Williams, Susan L	Governor	5/1/2013	12/31/2014
4	Dr McKelvey, Carla D MD, FAAP	Governor	1/1/2012	12/31/2014