

House Bill 2765

Sponsored by Representative NELSON

SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Organization of Department of Human Services.
Sunsets on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Task Force on the Organization of the Department of Human Services; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on the Organization of the Department**
6 **of Human Services consisting of 20 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint 16 representatives as follows:**

12 (A) **Four representatives of local governments that contract with the Department of**
13 **Human Services to provide services;**

14 (B) **Four representatives of providers that contract with the department or local gov-**
15 **ernments to provide services;**

16 (C) **Four clients or former clients of services provided by the department; and**

17 (D) **Four representatives of the department.**

18 (2) **The task force shall review the recent reorganization of the department and make**
19 **recommendations on whether restructuring the department into four or more separate de-**
20 **partments would better serve the needs of Oregonians.**

21 (3) **The task force shall:**

22 (a) **Review the outcomes of service integration projects being conducted around the state;**

23 (b) **Review the advantages and disadvantages of colocating services and providing holistic**
24 **service delivery for human services clients; and**

25 (c) **Consider the advantages and disadvantages of having one large state agency providing**
26 **human services for clients and the advantages and disadvantages of having multiple smaller**
27 **agencies providing the same services.**

28 (4) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
29 **of business.**

30 (5) **Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
31 **of the task force.**

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

2 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
3 **ment to become immediately effective.**

4 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
5 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

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

7 **(10) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-**
8 **lation, to an interim committee related to human services no later than October 1, 2006.**

9 **(11) The department shall provide staff support to the task force.**

10 **(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**
11 **for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of**
12 **their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**
13 **penditures shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.**

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

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next**
19 **regular biennial legislative session.**

20 **SECTION 3. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
21 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect**
22 **on its passage.**

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