

# Senate Bill 1051

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

## SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Oregon Health Plan. Specifies membership of task force. Directs task force to study and make recommendations on actions that may be taken regarding long-term viability of Oregon Health Plan.

Sunsetts task force on date of convening of Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.

Appropriates moneys to Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research for task force.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2005.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to Oregon Health Plan; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on the Oregon Health Plan consisting**  
4 **of 12 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

9 (c) **The Governor shall appoint eight members as follows:**

10 (A) **Three persons representing fully capitated health plans or prepaid managed care**  
11 **health services organizations, both as defined in ORS 414.736;**

12 (B) **One person from the Department of Human Services;**

13 (C) **One person from the Family Health Insurance Assistance Program;**

14 (D) **One person representing insurers offering health insurance;**

15 (E) **One person representing persons who receive health services from the Oregon Health**  
16 **Plan; and**

17 (F) **One person from the Oregon Health Policy Commission.**

18 (2) **The task force shall study and make recommendations on actions that may be taken**  
19 **regarding the long-term viability of the Oregon Health Plan, including but not limited to:**

20 (a) **Evaluating the long-term direction and structure of the Oregon Health Plan;**

21 (b) **Maintaining access to health services for low-income Oregonians; and**

22 (c) **Finding efficiencies in the administration and delivery of health services offered by**  
23 **the Oregon Health Plan.**

24 (3) **The task force shall have its first meeting on or before the earlier of 45 days after**  
25 **adjournment sine die of the regular session of the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly or**  
26 **November 30, 2005.**

27 (4) **A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the**  
28 **transaction of business.**  
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**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 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members  
2 of the task force.

3 (6) The task force shall select one of its members to serve as chairperson and another  
4 to serve as vice chairperson.

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

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

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

10 (10) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research shall provide staff support to the  
11 task force.

12 (11) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommen-  
13 dations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to health  
14 care in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than October 1, 2006.

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

19 (13) The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research may accept, on behalf of the task  
20 force, contributions of moneys and assistance from the United States Government or its  
21 agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions placed on the  
22 moneys not inconsistent with the duties of the task force.

23 (14) All moneys received by the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research under  
24 subsection (13) of this section shall be paid into the State Treasury and deposited in the  
25 General Fund to the credit of the office. The moneys are continuously appropriated to the  
26 office for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the task force.

27 (15) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
28 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other  
29 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and  
30 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions  
31 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Office for Oregon Health  
32 Policy and Research for that purpose.

33 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2005 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the  
34 Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly.

35 SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-  
36 ated to the Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research, for the biennium beginning July  
37 1, 2005, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for the  
38 purpose of carrying out the duties of the Task Force on the Oregon Health Plan created in  
39 section 1 of this 2005 Act.

40 SECTION 4. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
41 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect  
42 July 1, 2005.