

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3377

Ordered by the House April 9
Including House Amendments dated April 9

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives PHAM, WILLIAMS

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.

[Establishes Addiction Crisis Recovery Fund. Prescribes uses of fund. Establishes Office of Intervention and Engagement in Oregon Health Authority to oversee expansion of substance use disorder treatment and peer services. Establishes Office of Behavioral Health Workforce Development in Oregon Health Authority to oversee recovery workforce development.]

[Requires Oregon Health Authority to increase payments for reimbursement to addiction treatment providers for services provided to medical assistance recipients.]

[Requires Oregon Health Authority to study optimum minimum pricing of malt beverages, wine and cider to allow consumer access and discourage overconsumption. Requires report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to health by November 30, 2021. Sunsets January 1, 2022.]

Establishes Task Force on Substance Use to study alcohol tax and pricing mechanisms to reduce substance use in this state. Requires report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to behavioral health no later than February 1, 2022.

Sunsets December 31, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to substance use; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Substance Use is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 23 members as follows:**

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

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

10 **(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall jointly appoint:**

11 **(A) Two members who represent federally recognized Indian tribes in this state;**

12 **(B) One member who represents addiction treatment providers;**

13 **(C) One member who has professional public health expertise;**

14 **(D) One member who represents counties;**

15 **(E) One member who represents manufacturers of alcoholic beverages in this state;**

16 **(F) One member who represents holders of off-premises sales licenses issued under ORS**
17 **471.186;**

18 **(G) Four members who represent culturally specific organizations;**

19 **(H) One member who represents an addiction recovery organization;**

20 **(I) One member who represents coordinated care organizations;**

21 **(J) One member who represents cities;**

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 (K) One member who represents distributors of alcoholic beverages in this state; and

2 (L) One member who represents holders of full on-premises sales licenses issued under
3 ORS 471.175; and

4 (d) In addition to the members appointed under paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection,
5 the following shall also be members of the task force:

6 (A) The Oregon Health Authority behavioral health director, or designee of the director;

7 (B) The Director of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, or designee of the director;
8 and

9 (C) A representative of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission with experience in public
10 health outreach.

11 (3)(a) The task force shall, in partnership with one or more consulting firms with ex-
12 pertise in economic and health equity, develop recommendations to:

13 (A) Work to achieve a significant reduction in underage drinking and binge drinking
14 through alcohol tax and pricing mechanisms; and

15 (B) Fully fund the comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery plan
16 developed by the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission under ORS 430.223 through new and
17 existing tax and pricing mechanisms, in order to:

18 (i) Reduce the prevalence of substance use disorders and increase recovery from sub-
19 stance use disorders;

20 (ii) Reduce deaths from the use and misuse of alcohol and other drugs;

21 (iii) Reduce health disparities related to the use of alcohol and other drugs; and

22 (iv) Reduce the economic burden of substance use-related health and social problems.

23 (b) In developing the recommendations described in this subsection, the task force shall:

24 (A) Employ racial equity and socioeconomic criteria and consider the impact of lack of
25 access to care and excessive alcohol consumption on low-income, BIPOC and tribal commu-
26 nities;

27 (B) Evaluate existing revenue sources from alcohol taxes and the adequacy of those re-
28 venue sources to fund the comprehensive addiction, prevention, treatment and recovery plan;
29 and

30 (C) Consider the impacts of different revenue approaches on small craft breweries,
31 wineries and distilleries.

32 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction
33 of business.

34 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
35 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

42 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
43 shall include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
44 Assembly related to behavioral health no later than February 1, 2022.

45 (11) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

1 **(12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not**
2 **entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task**
3 **force.**

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

8 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on December 31, 2022.**

9 **SECTION 3.** **This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
10 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
11 **on its passage.**

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