

Senate Bill 1580

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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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Psilocybin Health Equity. Directs task force to study issues related to equity and accessibility of psilocybin services. Requires task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to human services, mental health and recovery not later than November 1, 2022.

Sunsets task force on January 2, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Task Force on Psilocybin Health Equity; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Psilocybin Health Equity is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 15 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
7 **Senate.**

8 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
9 **members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **(c) The Governor shall appoint 13 members as follows:**

11 **(A) One member who represents the Equity Subcommittee of the Oregon Psilocybin Ad-**
12 **visory Board.**

13 **(B) One member who represents the Licensing Subcommittee of the Oregon Psilocybin**
14 **Advisory Board.**

15 **(C) Two members who represent a culturally responsive, community-based health or-**
16 **ganization in this state.**

17 **(D) One member who represents the Oversight and Accountability Council established**
18 **under ORS 430.388.**

19 **(E) One member who represents psychotherapists from culturally specific communities**
20 **and has experience working in underserved communities.**

21 **(F) One member who is a traditional medicine practitioner or spiritual healer and is a**
22 **member of a community that has traditionally used psilocybin for medicinal purposes.**

23 **(G) One member who represents the nine federally recognized Indian tribes in this state.**

24 **(H) One member who represents the culturally responsive psilocybin research community**
25 **and has experience working in underserved communities.**

26 **(I) The manager of the Oregon Psilocybin Services section within the Oregon Health**
27 **Authority.**

28 **(J) An economist or contract specialist with a background in advancing the interests of**

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 culturally responsive, minority-owned or woman-owned businesses or emerging small busi-
2 nesses.

3 (K) One member who represents veterans, specializes in research and treatment of
4 post-traumatic stress disorder and has experience working in underserved culturally re-
5 sponsive communities.

6 (L) One member who has lived experience navigating mental health or addiction treat-
7 ment services in this state and has experience working in culturally specific communities.

8 (3)(a) The task force shall ensure equity and accessibility in Oregon's developing
9 psilocybin services.

10 (b) The task force shall study and make findings and recommendations regarding at least:

11 (A) Barriers that people of color and people who are low-income may face in establishing
12 a psilocybin-related business;

13 (B) Barriers to retaining culturally specific psilocybin service facilitators and entering a
14 licensure training program;

15 (C) Barriers that people of color and people who are low-income may face in accessing
16 psilocybin services;

17 (D) The development of psilocybin research-specific licenses and the regulation of re-
18 search partnerships that explore the efficacy of psilocybin therapy and expansion of access
19 to psilocybin services; and

20 (E) Possible legislation and funding sources to establish a psilocybin equity program to
21 provide resources to communities with barriers to accessing health care, to increase the
22 number of culturally specific practices and people who are low-income who hold licenses is-
23 sued under ORS 475A.290, 475A.305, 475A.325 and 475A.594, to address any unidentified barri-
24 ers not described in this paragraph and to inform the rulemaking process regarding the
25 regulation of psilocybin.

26 (c) After studying the topics described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, the task force
27 may study and make recommendations on topics including, but not limited to:

28 (A) The efficacy of psilocybin-related licensure fee waivers for socially or economically
29 disadvantaged businesses, psilocybin training program tuition or fee waivers for students
30 who are from socially or economically disadvantaged groups and other forms of financial
31 assistance that could increase diversity in the psilocybin field;

32 (B) The provision of grants to culturally specific organizations that provide scholarships
33 for psilocybin training programs and technical and financial assistance to socially or eco-
34 nomically disadvantaged businesses;

35 (C) A requirement that psilocybin service centers dedicate a minimum percentage of
36 psilocybin treatment sessions to clients who are low-income;

37 (D) Establishment of a psilocybin equity office authorized to allocate funds to address,
38 in all aspects of the psilocybin program, issues of education, outreach, access and
39 affordability for historically marginalized groups;

40 (E) Development of programs to ensure access for clients who are low-income and any
41 necessary rulemaking to improve the cultural competence and cultural responsiveness of the
42 psilocybin program; and

43 (F) Solutions, including possible legislation and funding sources, to address any barriers
44 identified by the task force in studying the topics described in paragraph (b) of this sub-
45 section.

1 (4) The task force may adopt rules as necessary to carry out the duties of the task force.

2 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
3 transaction of business.

4 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
5 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

12 (11) The task force shall submit a report, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
13 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
14 Assembly related to human services, mental health and recovery no later than November 1,
15 2022.

16 (12) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide staff support to the task
17 force.

18 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
19 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

20 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
21 entitled to compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
22 expenses incurred as a result of serving on the task force.

23 (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
24 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
25 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
26 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

27 (16) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Culturally responsive" means a process by which people and systems respond re-
29 spectfully and effectively to individuals of all cultures, languages, classes, races, ethnic
30 backgrounds, disabilities, religions, genders, sexual orientations and other diversity factors
31 in a manner that recognizes, affirms and values the worth of individuals, families and com-
32 munities, and that protects and preserves the dignity of each.

33 (b) "Culturally specific" means led by individuals from the community served, using lan-
34 guage, structures and settings familiar to the members of the community.

35 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2022 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.

36 **SECTION 3.** This 2022 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2022 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.

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