

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3610

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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.

Establishes Task Force on Alcohol Pricing and Addiction Services. Directs task force to study issues related to alcohol addiction in this state. Directs task force to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health not later than September 15, 2024.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to alcohol; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Alcohol Pricing and Addiction Services is established.

(2) The task force consists of 20 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among members of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party and one from the minority party.

(c) The Governor shall appoint 16 members who are:

(A) A representative of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission;

(B) Two representatives from the malt beverages industry;

(C) Two representatives from the wine industry;

(D) A representative from the cider industry;

(E) A representative of the alcohol addiction advocacy community;

(F) A representative of community care organizations;

(G) A representative of the Oregon Health Authority;

(H) A representative who is a member of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission established under ORS 430.221;

(I) A representative of an association representing malt beverages and wine distributors;

(J) A representative of the Association of Oregon Counties;

(K) A representative of the League of Oregon Cities;

(L) A representative of hospitals in this state; and

(M) Two individuals who are community providers of alcohol addiction services.

(3) The task force shall study the following issues:

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 (a) Alcohol addiction and alcohol addiction prevention;
- 2 (b) The distribution of resources for alcohol addiction treatment;
- 3 (c) The current overall funding for alcohol addiction treatment programs, including the
- 4 levels of funding for programs by the state and local governments, existing metrics used to
- 5 measure effectiveness of funding and of programs and the amount that community care or-
- 6 ganizations spend on alcohol addiction treatment;
- 7 (d) The cost to this state of alcohol addiction;
- 8 (e) The benefits and drawbacks of imposing taxes on malt beverages and wine; and
- 9 (f) Additional funding options for alcohol addiction treatment, including modifying the
- 10 current distribution of alcohol tax revenue and increasing taxes on alcohol, and the potential
- 11 economic impact of tax increases on relevant industries.
- 12 (4) The task force shall consult with the Legislative Revenue Officer in studying the is-
- 13 sues described in subsection (3) of this section.
- 14 (5) The task force may adopt rules to carry out its responsibilities.
- 15 (6) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the
- 16 transaction of business.
- 17 (7) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting
- 18 members of the task force.
- 19 (8) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
- 20 (9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
- 21 ment to become immediately effective.
- 22 (10) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
- 23 or of a majority of the voting members of the task force.
- 24 (11) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
- 25 (12) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
- 26 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
- 27 Assembly related to health no later than September 15, 2024.
- 28 (13) The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission shall provide staff support to the task
- 29 force.
- 30 (14) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting
- 31 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.
- 32 (15) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
- 33 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task
- 34 force.
- 35 (16) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
- 36 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
- 37 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
- 38 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

39 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

40 **SECTION 3.** This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023

41 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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