

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1079**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “care” insert “; and declaring an emer-
2 gency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Governor shall appoint a task force consisting
5 of:**

6 **“(a) Five members representing hospitals, including at least one
7 member each representing a type A hospital and a type B hospital, as
8 described in ORS 442.470;**

9 **“(b) One member representing nurses;**

10 **“(c) One member representing frontline workers in health care
11 settings, including long term care facilities, acute care facilities, adult
12 foster homes and in-home care;**

13 **“(d) One member representing long term care facilities including
14 skilled nursing facilities;**

15 **“(e) One member representing behavioral health care facilities;**

16 **“(f) One member representing consumers of health care;**

17 **“(g) One member representing commercial insurers that offer
18 health benefit plans; and**

19 **“(h) One member representing coordinated care organizations.**

20 **“(2) The task force shall recommend legislative and administrative
21 solutions to address the challenges faced by post-acute health care**

1 **systems including but not limited to:**

2 **“(a) Strategies to identify the appropriate number of beds, staff or**
3 **services in the long term care, behavioral health care and other health**
4 **care systems that are necessary for planning for the safe and effective**
5 **discharge of patients from hospital settings;**

6 **“(b) Policy changes needed to ensure an adequate number of beds**
7 **and staff are available for the discharge of patients from post-acute**
8 **facilities;**

9 **“(c) Identifying barriers to placing patients in existing post-acute**
10 **facilities when there is capacity and how to address the barriers;**

11 **“(d) State agency coordination and efficiencies needed to ensure**
12 **that patient’s needs are being met in the appropriate care setting; and**

13 **“(e) Any necessary federal approvals needed to establish federal and**
14 **state partnerships on policy and for securing potential federal re-**
15 **sources.**

16 **“(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**
17 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

18 **“(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
19 **majority of the members of the task force.**

20 **“(5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**
21 **chairperson.**

22 **“(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make**
23 **an appointment to become immediately effective.**

24 **“(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
25 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task**
26 **force.**

27 **“(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of**
28 **the task force.**

29 **“(9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided**
30 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**

1 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
2 no later than September 15, 2023.

3 “(10) The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health
4 Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

5 “(11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
6 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement
7 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

8 “SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
10 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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