

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1076**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 31 and delete pages
2 2 and 3 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) A task force on hospital discharge policies is es-**
4 **tablished to develop recommendations for hospital discharges of pa-**
5 **tients who are homeless.**

6 **“(2) The task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:**

7 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from**
8 **among the members of the Senate as nonvoting members.**

9 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two**
10 **members from among the members of the House of Representatives**
11 **as nonvoting members.**

12 **“(c) The Governor shall appoint 13 members who represent, to the**
13 **greatest extent practicable, diverse social identities, race, ethnicity,**
14 **sex, gender nonconformance, sexual orientation, economic status,**
15 **disability, health status and different geographic regions of this state,**
16 **including:**

17 **“(A) Two members from organizations that provide health care**
18 **services to individuals who are homeless;**

19 **“(B) Two members representing coordinated care organizations;**

20 **“(C) Two members representing hospitals and health systems; and**

21 **“(D) Three members with experience providing social services to**

1 **individuals who are homeless including:**

2 **“(i) One member who is a licensed social worker with professional**
3 **experience planning or coordinating hospital discharges;**

4 **“(ii) One member with experience operating a low-barrier shelter**
5 **or a warming shelter; and**

6 **“(iii) At least one member who has experienced homelessness.**

7 **“(3) The members of the task force shall be appointed and have the**
8 **first meeting no later than September 30, 2023.**

9 **“(4) The task force shall develop recommendations for:**

10 **“(a) Requirements for hospitals to maintain and update discharge**
11 **planning policies and processes for patients who are homeless;**

12 **“(b) Health care providers and hospital staff to screen patients for**
13 **and document patients’ housing status;**

14 **“(c) Hospitals to create an individualized discharge plan for each**
15 **patient who is homeless;**

16 **“(d) Policies for equitable treatment of patients who are homeless;**

17 **“(e) Communications between health care facilities and social ser-**
18 **vice providers about a patient’s needs post-hospitalization when a pa-**
19 **tient is transferred to another health care facility and at the time of**
20 **discharge;**

21 **“(f) Individualized discharge plans for each patient who is homeless;**

22 **“(g) Requirements for hospitals to provide or plan for the basic**
23 **needs of each patient who is homeless, including needs for food,**
24 **clothing, transportation and shelter, at the time of discharge; and**

25 **“(h) Hospital discharge policies, including policies for coordination**
26 **between hospitals, local health care providers, behavioral health**
27 **agencies, social service agencies and nonprofit organizations.**

28 **“(5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**
29 **a quorum for the transaction of business.**

30 **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**

1 majority of the voting members of the task force.

2 “(7) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as
3 chairperson and one member to service as a vice chairperson.

4 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
5 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

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

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

11 “(11) The task force shall submit a report containing its recom-
12 mendations under subsection (4) of this section in the manner provided
13 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
14 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
15 no later than September 15, 2024.

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

18 “(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-
19 islative Assembly who have incomes below 400 percent of the federal
20 poverty guidelines are entitled to compensation for actual and neces-
21 sary expenses incurred by the members in the performance of their
22 official duties, as provided in ORS 292.495. Members of the task force
23 who are members of the Legislative Assembly are entitled to a per
24 diem as provided in ORS 171.072 (4). Members not described in this
25 subsection are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for ex-
26 penses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

27 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on December 31,
28 2025.”

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