

# House Bill 4001

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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**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates the Task Force on Specialty Courts and tells the task force to report to the legislature by September 15, 2024. The Act takes effect on the 91st day after sine die. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Establishes the Task Force on Specialty Courts. Directs the task force to study certain issues concerning specialty courts and to provide the results of the study to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the judiciary no later than September 15, 2024.

Sunset on December 31, 2024.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to specialty courts; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Specialty Courts is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows:**

6 **(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members as follows:**

7 **(A) Two members who are district attorneys, or the designees of a district attorney.**

8 **(B) Two members who are behavioral health providers.**

9 **(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members as follows:**

10 **(A) Two members who are employed as public defenders.**

11 **(B) Two members representing county governing bodies, one from a county with a pop-**  
12 **ulation of over 300,000, and one from a county with a population of less than 50,000.**

13 **(c) The Governor shall appoint:**

14 **(A) One member representing Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.**

15 **(B) One member representing either the Oregon Health Authority or a coordinated care**  
16 **organization representing a payor.**

17 **(d) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint two members as follows:**

18 **(A) One member representing the Judicial Department.**

19 **(B) One member representing a housing or other social services provider that has part-**  
20 **nered with a drug court.**

21 **(3) The task force shall study the following issues concerning specialty courts:**

22 **(a) Identification of the most appropriate funding mechanism to ensure long-term sta-**  
23 **bility of specialty courts within this state.**

24 **(b) Determining the administrative and funding balance between the Oregon Criminal**  
25 **Justice Commission and the Judicial Department.**

26 **(c) Determining whether drug courts currently use the right eligibility metrics, including**

**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 whether current metrics for “high need” individuals are accurately capturing those individ-  
2 uals who would benefit from a drug court program.

3 (d) Identification of the appropriate accountability mechanism to ensure that specialty  
4 courts are operating according to the standards of the commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (10) No later than September 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report on its findings  
16 and recommendations, which may include recommendations for legislation, in the manner  
17 provided by ORS 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to  
18 the judiciary.

19 (11) The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall provide staff support to the task  
20 force.

21 (12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for  
22 expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

23 (13) 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 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2024 Act is repealed on December 31, 2024.

28 **SECTION 3.** This 2024 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2024  
29 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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