

SB 283 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Health Authority to study health care workforce and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2026. Sunsets January 2, 2027.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces the measure. Directs the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) to reimburse clinical education at long-term, residential, memory care, and assisted living facilities, with requirements for clinical placements and training, directs the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide reimbursement to reimburse hospitals participating in a labor-management training trust, directs OHA to provide reimbursement to federally qualified health centers for workforce initiatives, and directs OHA to establish a task force to review the sustainability of the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Directs ODHS to reimburse clinical education at long term care and residential care facilities, including memory care and assisted living facilities.
 - Requires long term and residential care facilities to offer clinical placements, include clinical instruction, supervision, and training services to qualify for reimbursement.
 - Directs OHA to provide reimbursements to hospitals participating in a labor-management training trust.
 - Directs OHA to reimburse federally qualified health centers to support workforce, recruitment, retention, and training.
- Directs OHA to establish a task force to make recommendations to ensure the availability of high-quality, affordable health benefits for essential workers under the Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program.
 - Directs the task force to make recommendations on funding models, current costs, and future costs of the program.
 - Directs the task force to review the performance of the program including impact on the workforce, impacts on patients and residents, alternative options for high-quality health insurance available to essential workers covered by the program, and a comparison of quality and affordability relative to other commercial health care coverage.
 - Specifies task force membership and operational requirements.
 - Directs the Legislative Fiscal Officer and OHA to provide staff support to the task force.
- Directs the task force to submit preliminary and final reports.
 - Requires the task force to report its preliminary recommendations to the Governor and the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and ways and means by February 15, 2026.
 - Requires the task force to submit its final recommendations to the Governor and the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and ways and means by June 1, 2026.
- Sunsets task force December 31, 2026.

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- Directs OHA to submit a report on the progress of measure implementation to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care by September 20, 2026.
- Authorizes OHA to seek federal approval for federal financial participation through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Health Care Workforce Reporting Program was created to collaborate with health profession licensing boards to collect health care workforce data via their licensing renewal process to understand Oregon's health care workforce, inform public and private educational and workforce investments, and inform policy recommendations regarding Oregon's health care workforce. The most recent [Licensed Health Care Workforce Supply](#) report was published in 2024.

Senate Bill 283 directs the Oregon Health Authority to study the health care workforce and submit a report to the Legislative Assembly.