

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2249

By COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKPLACE STANDARDS

April 10

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert “; and prescribing an effective date”.

2 Delete lines 4 through 9 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Health Care Apprenticeships and Career Pathways**
4 **is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:**

6 **“(a) A representative of an employer of health care providers;**

7 **“(b) A representative of a union that represents behavioral health care workers;**

8 **“(c) A representative of a union that represents acute health care providers who work**
9 **in hospitals;**

10 **“(d) A representative of acute health care providers;**

11 **“(e) A representative of long term care facilities;**

12 **“(f) A representative of behavioral health care providers;**

13 **“(g) A representative of a union that represents emergency medical services personnel;**

14 **“(h) A representative of local workforce development boards; and**

15 **“(i) A representative who is an individual with expertise in accreditation or credentialing**
16 **for health care professions.**

17 **“(3) The following serve as nonvoting ex officio members of the task force:**

18 **“(a) The executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission or the**
19 **director’s designee;**

20 **“(b) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, or the commissioner’s**
21 **designee; and**

22 **“(c) The Director of Human Services or the director’s designee.**

23 **“(4) The task force shall identify challenges in navigating the requirements for licensure,**
24 **accreditation and apprenticeships for health care providers and specifically shall identify:**

25 **“(a) Barriers to apprenticeship in health care professions and ways to remove those**
26 **barriers;**

27 **“(b) Policies that support providing credit in career pathways for completed prior learn-**
28 **ing and apprenticeships across care settings to encourage career mobility among current**
29 **health care workers; and**

30 **“(c) How to expand health care apprenticeships in this state for certified alcohol and drug**
31 **counselors, certified nursing assistants, dental assistants, certified medical assistants and**
32 **surgical technologists.**

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

35 **“(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting**

1 members of the task force.

2 “(7) The Governor shall appoint one member of the task force to serve as chairperson.

3 “(8) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to be-
4 come immediately effective.

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

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

8 “(11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and
9 shall include recommendations for legislation related to the topics described in subsection
10 (4) of this section, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
11 care no later than September 15, 2026.

12 “(12) The Legislative Policy and Research Office shall provide staff support to the task
13 force.

14 “(13) Members of the task force are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided
15 in ORS 292.495.

16 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
17 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
18 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
19 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

20 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31, 2026.

21 “SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
22 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.
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