

# House Bill 3650

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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 Latino Health System Task Force. (Flesch Readability Score: 84.9). Establishes the Latino Health System Task Force. Prescribes the task force's membership and duties. Directs the task force to report to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2026. Sunsets on December 31, 2026.

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

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Latino Health System Task Force; and prescribing an effective date.

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

### **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

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5 (a) **"Latino Health System" means a culturally specific network of health care providers**  
6 **and agencies that address the social determinants of health for Latino individuals who qual-**  
7 **ify for medical assistance.**

8 (b) **"Medical assistance" has the meaning given that term in ORS 414.025.**

9 (2) **The Latino Health System Task Force is established.**

10 (3) **The task force consists of 19 members appointed as follows:**

11 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**  
12 **Senate.**

13 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**  
14 **members of the House of Representatives.**

15 (c) **The Governor shall appoint 17 members, as follows:**

16 (A) **Six representatives of health care provider organizations that specialize in serving**  
17 **Latino patients, as follows:**

18 (i) **One primary care provider employed by a federally qualified health center;**

19 (ii) **One behavioral health care provider;**

20 (iii) **One oral health care provider;**

21 (iv) **One maternal health care provider;**

22 (v) **One complementary or alternative medicine provider, such as a naturopathic physi-**  
23 **cian licensed under ORS chapter 685 or an acupuncturist licensed under ORS chapter 677;**  
24 **and**

25 (vi) **One traditional health worker, as defined in ORS 414.665;**

26 (B) **Two representatives of coordinated care organizations;**

27 (C) **Two representatives of organizations that advocate for Latinos;**

28 (D) **One qualified health care interpreter or certified health care interpreter, as those**

**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 terms are defined in ORS 413.550, who specializes in Spanish and indigenous languages spo-  
2 ken in Latin America;

3 (E) One representative of a community-based organization that specializes in providing  
4 to Latino individuals services that address one or more social determinants of health;

5 (F) Two consumer representatives who receive medical assistance;

6 (G) Two representatives of institutions of higher education that train health care pro-  
7 fessionals; and

8 (H) One representative of a local workforce development board, as defined in ORS 660.300,  
9 who has expertise in the health care workforce.

10 (4) The task force shall develop proposals for the creation of a Latino Health System that  
11 will:

12 (a) Be open to any medical assistance recipient on a self-selecting basis;

13 (b) Use Spanish as the primary language, with translation services available in other  
14 languages, including English; and

15 (c) Address the cultural health care values of Latino patients, including mobile health  
16 services, household care management, naturopathic services, whole-person care and  
17 community-embedded health infrastructure.

18 (5) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the  
19 transaction of business.

20 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting  
21 members of the task force.

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

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

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

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

28 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
29 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
30 Assembly related to health care no later than December 15, 2026.

31 (12) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

32 (13) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task force are nonvoting  
33 members of the task force and may act in an advisory capacity only.

34 (14) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not  
35 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task  
36 force.

37 (15) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist  
38 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted  
39 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task  
40 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

42 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025  
43 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.