

Senate Bill 693

Sponsored by Senator REYNOLDS, Representatives GRAYBER, NERON, NELSON (Presession filed.)

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 makes a task force on the perinatal workforce in Oregon. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.7).

Establishes the Task Force on the Perinatal Workforce. Directs the task force to evaluate the existing perinatal workforce and make recommendations for improvement. Directs the task force to report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care not later than December 1, 2026.

Sunset December 31, 2026.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the perinatal workforce; 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 the Perinatal Workforce is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of at least 12 members appointed by the Oregon Health Au-**
6 **thority in collaboration with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission as follows:**

7 **(a) At least five members who are representatives of the perinatal workforce in Oregon**
8 **and who represent the diversity of this state;**

9 **(b) At least five members who are professionally familiar with perinatal workforce path-**
10 **ways in this state and outside of this state; and**

11 **(c) At least two members who are representatives of advocacy organizations that work**
12 **on maternal-child health issues.**

13 **(3) The task force shall:**

14 **(a) Evaluate the perinatal workforce in this state in both the health care and behavioral**
15 **health contexts, and focus on at least the following perinatal care providers:**

16 **(A) Physicians;**

17 **(B) Nurse practitioner nurse midwives;**

18 **(C) Direct entry midwives;**

19 **(D) Clinical social workers;**

20 **(E) Perinatal psychology and psychiatry providers;**

21 **(F) Doulas;**

22 **(G) Community health workers;**

23 **(H) Lactation consultants; and**

24 **(I) Peer support specialists;**

25 **(b) Identify barriers and challenges related to accessing existing perinatal workforce**
26 **pathways;**

27 **(c) Review programs in this state, other states and other countries that have success-**

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1 fully increased the access to and diversity of the perinatal workforce; and

2 (d) Develop recommendations for the Legislative Assembly and relevant state agencies
3 for strengthening the perinatal workforce in this state, including recommendations for im-
4 proving the availability of providers, support for providers and increasing the racial, ethnic,
5 linguistic and geographic diversity of providers.

6 (4) The task force may, through the authority, contract with third parties for facilitation,
7 research and report development.

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

10 (6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
11 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

18 (11) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
19 shall include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
20 Assembly related to health care no later than December 1, 2026.

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

22 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
23 the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted
24 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task
25 force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

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

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