

Requested by Senator PATTERSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 283**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “workforce” insert “; creating new  
2 provisions; amending ORS 676.476 and 676.479; and declaring an  
3 emergency”.

4 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 676.476 is amended to read:

6 “676.476. (1)(a) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide reimburse-  
7 ments to support clinical education at hospitals, **as defined in ORS 442.015.**  
8 *[and health care facilities.]*

9 **“(b) The Department of Human Services shall provide reimburse-**  
10 **ments to support clinical education at long term care facilities, as**  
11 **defined in ORS 442.015, and residential care facilities, as defined in**  
12 **ORS 443.400, including facilities with a memory care endorsement un-**  
13 **der ORS 443.886 and assisted living facilities.**

14 **“(2) To receive reimbursement under this section, a hospital, long**  
15 **term care facility or residential care facility must offer clinical place-**  
16 **ments, as defined by the authority by rule, that include the provision**  
17 **of clinical instruction, supervision and health care professional train-**  
18 **ing services.**

19 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 676.479 is amended to read:

20 “676.479. The Oregon Health Authority shall provide reimbursements to:

21 **“(1) Employers participating in a labor-management training trust to ex-**

1 pand on-the-job training, apprenticeship opportunities and other programs  
2 that support the development of health care professionals, including medical  
3 technicians, certified nursing assistants and phlebotomists.

4 **“(2) Federally qualified health centers to support workforce devel-**  
5 **opment, recruitment and retention.**

6 **“SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section:**

7 **“(a) ‘Eligible employer’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
8 **735.520.**

9 **“(b) ‘Essential Workforce Health Care Fund’ means a jointly ad-**  
10 **ministered employee welfare benefit plan, as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1002,**  
11 **that has been established by the Oregon Health Authority by rule:**

12 **“(A) For the purpose of providing health benefits and related bene-**  
13 **fits to employees of eligible employers and their beneficiaries; and**

14 **“(B) Under the conditions required by ORS 735.520.**

15 **“(c) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**  
16 **414.025.**

17 **“(2) The Oregon Health Authority shall convene a task force to:**

18 **“(a) Make recommendations for ensuring the availability of high-**  
19 **quality, affordable health benefits for essential workers under the**  
20 **Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program established under**  
21 **ORS 735.520, including recommendations about:**

22 **“(A) Funding models for long-term financial sustainability; and**

23 **“(B) The costs of covering current program participants and other**  
24 **essential workers in the future.**

25 **“(c) Review the performance of the program and its impact on care**  
26 **settings, including:**

27 **“(A) Impact on the workforce, including turnover and retention;**

28 **“(B) Quality of care for patients and residents, especially medical**  
29 **assistance recipients;**

30 **“(C) Safety for patients, residents and workers, especially medical**

1 assistance recipients;

2 “(D) Worker satisfaction;

3 “(E) Alternative options for high-quality health insurance available  
4 to essential workers who are currently covered by the program; and

5 “(F) Comparison of quality and affordability relative to other com-  
6 mercial health care coverage.

7 “(3) The task force consists of seven members appointed by the  
8 Governor as follows:

9 “(a) One representative of the Oregon Health Authority.

10 “(b) One representative of the Department of Consumer and Busi-  
11 ness Services.

12 “(c) One representative of the Department of Human Services.

13 “(d) One representative of eligible employers.

14 “(e) One representative of essential workers who participate in the  
15 program.

16 “(f) One representative of a labor-management training trust who  
17 administers the Essential Workforce Health Care Fund.

18 “(g) One member who has expertise in Medicaid supplemental pay-  
19 ments and labor-management training trusts.

20 “(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a  
21 quorum for the transaction of business.

22 “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a  
23 majority of the members of the task force.

24 “(6) The task force shall select one member of the task force to  
25 serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson, for the  
26 terms and with the duties and powers necessary for the performance  
27 of the functions of the offices as the task force determines.

28 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make  
29 an appointment to become immediately effective.

30 “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the

1 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task  
2 force.

3 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of  
4 the task force.

5 “(10)(a) No later than February 15, 2026, the task force shall submit  
6 a preliminary report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may  
7 include recommendations for legislation, to the Governor and the  
8 committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related  
9 to health care and ways and means.

10 “(b) No later than June 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a final  
11 report in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include rec-  
12 ommendations for legislation, to the Governor and the interim com-  
13 mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to health care and ways  
14 and means.

15 “(11) The Legislative Fiscal Officer and the Oregon Health Author-  
16 ity shall provide staff support to the task force.

17 “(12) Members of the task force serve as volunteers on the task  
18 force and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for ex-  
19 penses.

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

25 “(14) The task force shall have its first meeting on or before Sep-  
26 tember 15, 2025.

27 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31,  
28 2026.

29 “SECTION 5. No later than September 30, 2026, the Oregon Health  
30 Authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS

1 **192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related**  
2 **to health on the authority’s progress in carrying out the provisions**  
3 **of ORS 676.476 and 676.479, including any federal approval sought under**  
4 **section 6 of this 2025 Act.**

5 **“SECTION 6. The Oregon Health Authority may seek any necessary**  
6 **approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to re-**  
7 **ceive federal financial participation in the costs of the reimbursements**  
8 **provided under ORS 676.476 and 676.479.**

9 **“SECTION 7. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
10 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
11 **declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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