

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:

21 **“(1) Reimbursements to [*employers*] hospitals participating in a labor-**

1 management training trust to expand on-the-job training, apprenticeship op-
2 portunities and other programs that support the development of health care
3 professionals, including medical technicians, certified nursing assistants and
4 phlebotomists.

5 **“(2) Incentive payments to federally qualified health centers to**
6 **support workforce recruitment, retention and training. The incentive**
7 **payments:**

8 **“(a) Shall be designed to:**

9 **“(A) Enhance the quality of services provided by federally qualified**
10 **health centers to eligible patients; and**

11 **“(B) Increase the financial sustainability of the services provided**
12 **by federally qualified health centers.**

13 **“(b) To the extent permitted by federal law, may not be considered**
14 **in determining prospective payment rates for federally qualified health**
15 **centers.**

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

17 **“(a) ‘Eligible employer’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
18 **735.520.**

19 **“(b) ‘Essential Workforce Health Care Fund’ means a jointly ad-**
20 **ministered employee welfare benefit plan, as defined in 29 U.S.C. 1002,**
21 **that has been established:**

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

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

25 **“(c) ‘Medical assistance’ has the meaning given that term in ORS**
26 **414.025.**

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

28 **“(a) Make recommendations for ensuring the availability of high-**
29 **quality, affordable health benefits for essential workers under the**
30 **Oregon Essential Workforce Health Care Program established under**

1 **ORS 735.520, including recommendations about:**

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

3 **“(B) The costs of covering current program participants and other**

4 **essential workers in the future.**

5 **“(b) Review the performance of the program and its impact on care**

6 **settings, including:**

7 **“(A) Impact on the workforce;**

8 **“(B) Impact on patients and residents, especially medical assistance**

9 **recipients;**

10 **“(C) Alternative options for high-quality health insurance available**

11 **to essential workers who are currently covered by the program; and**

12 **“(D) Comparison of quality and affordability relative to other com-**

13 **mercial health care coverage.**

14 **“(3) The task force consists of seven members appointed by the**

15 **Governor as follows:**

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

17 **“(b) One representative of the Department of Consumer and Busi-**

18 **ness Services.**

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

20 **“(d) One representative of eligible employers.**

21 **“(e) One representative of essential workers who participate in the**

22 **program.**

23 **“(f) One representative of a labor-management training trust who**

24 **administers the Essential Workforce Health Care Fund.**

25 **“(g) One member who has expertise in Medicaid supplemental pay-**

26 **ments and labor-management training trusts.**

27 **“(4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**

28 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

29 **“(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**

30 **majority of the members of the task force.**

1 **“(6) The task force shall select one member of the task force to**
2 **serve as chairperson and another to serve as vice chairperson, for the**
3 **terms and with the duties and powers necessary for the performance**
4 **of the functions of the offices as the task force determines.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **“(12) Members of the task force serve as volunteers on the task**
25 **force and are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for ex-**
26 **penses.**

27 **“(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,**
28 **are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the duties**
29 **of the task force and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to**
30 **confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the**

1 task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

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

4 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on December 31,
5 2026.

6 “SECTION 5. No later than September 30, 2026, the Oregon Health
7 Authority shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS
8 192.245, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related
9 to health on the authority’s progress in implementing the reimburse-
10 ments and incentive payments provided under the amendments to ORS
11 676.476 and 676.479 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act, including any
12 federal approval sought under section 6 of this 2025 Act.

13 “SECTION 6. The Oregon Health Authority may seek any necessary
14 approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to re-
15 ceive federal financial participation in the costs of the reimbursements
16 and incentive payments provided under the amendments to ORS
17 676.476 and 676.479 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act.

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

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