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SUMMARY

Establishes Task Force on County Jail Inmate Health Care Coverage. Specifies membership and duties. Requires report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2016.

Sunsets December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to health care for county jail inmates; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on County Jail Inmate Health Care Coverage is established.

(2) The task force consists of 14 members appointed as follows:

(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint from among members of the Senate one member from the Democratic party and one member from the Republican party.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint from among members of the House of Representatives one member from the Democratic party and one member from the Republican party.

(c) The Governor shall appoint:

(A) One member representing the Governor;

(B) One member representing an association of district attorneys;

(C) One member representing an association of community mental health program directors;

(D) One member representing a sheriffs' association;

(E) One member representing the Oregon Health Authority;

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 (F) One member representing an association of Oregon counties;

2 (G) One county commissioner;

3 (H) One circuit court judge;

4 (I) One member representing an association of community cor-
5 rections directors; and

6 (J) One member representing an association of criminal defense
7 attorneys.

8 (3) The task force shall:

9 (a) Investigate the financial and procedural concerns of the indi-
10 viduals and organizations represented by the task force members with
11 respect to physical and mental health care services for inmates of
12 county jails; and

13 (b) Develop recommendations to present to the 2017 regular session
14 of the Legislative Assembly to:

15 (A) Improve the health care services provided to inmates of county
16 jails while reducing the costs of health care services for county jails,
17 sheriff departments and the Oregon Health Authority;

18 (B) Improve communications between state and county agencies;
19 and

20 (C) Make more efficient the use of state funds for inmate health
21 care services.

22 (4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes
23 a quorum for the transaction of business.

24 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a ma-
25 jority of the voting members of the task force.

26 (6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chair-
27 person.

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

30 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the
31 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the

1 task force.

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

4 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided
5 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to
6 the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health
7 and corrections no later than September 15, 2016.

8 (11) The Legislative Administration Committee shall provide staff
9 support to the task force.

10 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legis-
11 lative Assembly are not entitled to compensation, but may be reim-
12 bursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by
13 them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
14 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in
15 performing functions of the task force shall be paid out of funds ap-
16 propriated to the Legislative Administration Committee for purposes
17 of the task force.

18 (13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are
19 directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task force's
20 duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality,
21 to furnish information and advice the members of the task force con-
22 sider necessary to perform their duties.

23 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2016 Act is repealed on December 31,
24 2016.

25 SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-
26 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-
27 clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.