

House Bill 3024

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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**.

Establishes Task Force on Medical Professional Recruitment and Retention. Directs task force to study and evaluate feasibility of creating retirement plan that uses life insurance as component of retirement plan to serve as incentive for recruiting and retaining medical professionals in locations that have insufficient access to medical services.

Sunsets task force on December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to incentives for recruiting medical professionals to underserved locations; and declaring
3 an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Medical Professional Recruitment and Retention is**
6 **established, consisting of nine members appointed as follows:**

7 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
8 **Senate.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives.**

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint four members as follows:**

12 (A) **An employee of the Oregon Health and Science University with expertise in recruiting**
13 **and retaining medical professionals;**

14 (B) **An employee of a large medical provider in this state with expertise in recruiting and**
15 **retaining medical professionals;**

16 (C) **An attorney with expertise in federal tax law; and**

17 (D) **A certified public accountant with expertise in pension and retirement planning.**

18 (d) **The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint an employee of the Oregon**
19 **Health Authority with expertise in programs to recruit and retain medical professionals.**

20 (2) **The task force shall study and evaluate the feasibility of creating a retirement plan**
21 **that uses life insurance as a component of the retirement plan and that would serve as an**
22 **incentive for recruiting and retaining medical professionals in locations that have insufficient**
23 **access to medical services. The task force shall consider the tax and other legal implications**
24 **of a retirement plan that uses life insurance and shall evaluate plans that other states, in-**
25 **cluding California and South Carolina, have implemented.**

26 (3)(a) **The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons,**
27 **conduct studies and surveys and otherwise collect data and information from any source that**
28 **is necessary to carry out the task force's duties.**

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 (b) The task force may expand the task force's membership if a majority of the members
2 of the task force deem an expansion necessary.

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

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

7 (6) The task force shall elect one member to serve as chairperson.

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

10 (8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
11 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

13 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
14 may include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative
15 Assembly related to public health as appropriate no later than September 15, 2016.

16 (11) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force.

17 (12) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
18 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
19 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
20 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
21 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Health Authority for
22 purposes of the task force.

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

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

28 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
30 on its passage.

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