

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 838

Ordered by the Senate April 27
Including Senate Amendments dated April 27

Sponsored by Senator BATES

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.

[Requires Health Evidence Review Commission to develop prioritized list of prescription drugs.]
Establishes Task Force on Prescription Drugs to review and report on prescription drugs expected to come to United States market in 2015 and 2016. Specifies membership.
Sunsets December 31, 2017.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to prescription drugs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Prescription Drugs is established, consisting of 20 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(a) At least two members from each congressional district in this state;

(b) Representatives of five coordinated care organizations; and

(c) Representatives of five commercial insurers.

(2) The task force shall review the prescription drugs that are expected to come to the United States market for the first time in 2015 and 2016 and prepare a report describing the drugs.

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

(4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the voting members of the task force.

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

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

(7) The task force shall meet at times specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the task force and shall meet at least once each 12 months in every congressional district in this state.

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

(9) The task force shall submit a report of its findings, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means no earlier than February 1, 2017, and no later than April 1, 2017.

(10) The Oregon Health Authority shall provide staff support to the task force and shall

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 **gather all of the data that is necessary for the task force to conduct the review and prepare**
2 **a report of their findings.**

3 **(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**
4 **for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of**
5 **their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-**
6 **penditures shall be paid out of funds appropriated to Oregon Health Authority for purposes of**
7 **the task force.**

8 **(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
9 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**
10 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
11 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

12 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2017.**

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

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