

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 931

Ordered by the Senate May 7
Including Senate Amendments dated May 7

Sponsored by Senator CARTER; Senator MONNES ANDERSON (at the request of Myrna-Yvonne Williams for The Obesity Initiative)

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.

Establishes task force to study obesity treatment and prevention.
Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to obesity; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force for a Comprehensive Obesity Prevention**
5 **Initiative, consisting of 13 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

7 (A) **Two members of the Senate Committee on Health Policy and Public Affairs.**

8 (B) **Two members who are on the faculty of the Center for the Study of Weight Regu-**
9 **lation and Associated Disorders at the Oregon Health and Science University.**

10 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

11 (A) **Two members of the House of Representatives Committee on Health Care.**

12 (B) **Two members who are on the faculty of the Department of Public Health at the**
13 **Oregon State University.**

14 (c) **The Director of Human Services shall appoint:**

15 (A) **Two representatives from the Office of Family Health Nutrition and Physical Activ-**
16 **ity; and**

17 (B) **Three representatives from universities within Oregon, or from other specialized**
18 **groups, having expertise in:**

19 (i) **Preventing obesity and associated disorders;**

20 (ii) **Promoting good nutrition and physical fitness;**

21 (iii) **The built or physical environment; or**

22 (iv) **Addressing health issues in minority populations.**

23 (2) **The task force shall:**

24 (a) **Study obesity prevention and treatment and ways to decrease the number of cases**
25 **of obesity in this state; and**

26 (b) **Utilize current research to develop a plan to implement and fund initiatives that will**
27 **result in decreasing obesity and obesity-related diseases within the state.**

28 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**

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New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

4 (5) The director, or the director's designee, shall serve as chairperson.

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

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

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

10 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
11 lation, to the interim committees related to health care and health policy as appropriate no
12 later than October 1, 2008.

13 (10) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the task force.

14 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
15 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
16 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
17 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
18 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Human Ser-
19 vices for that purpose.

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

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
25 regular biennial legislative session.

26 **SECTION 3.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
27 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
28 on its passage.

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