

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2348**

Ordered by the House April 17  
Including House Amendments dated April 17

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK, Senator STEINER HAYWARD (Presession filed.)

**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 eight regional public health authorities. Transfers responsibility for public health services in each county to regional public health authority with jurisdiction for county, regional public health administrator, regional registrar and regional medical examiner, from local, county and district entities and officers.]*

*[Becomes operative on January 1, 2016.]*

*[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]*

**Creates Task Force on Future of Public Health Services to study regionalization and consolidation of public health services and future of public health services in Oregon in order to make recommendations for legislation. Requires task force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly related to public health.**

**Sunsets task force on date of convening of 2016 regular session of Legislative Assembly.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to regional public health authorities; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on the Future of Public Health Services is established,**  
5 **consisting of 15 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint from among members of the Senate one**  
7 **member from the majority party and one member from the minority party.**

8 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint from among members of**  
9 **the House of Representatives one member from the majority party and one member from the**  
10 **minority party.**

11 (c) **The Governor shall appoint:**

12 (A) **One member who is a county commissioner;**

13 (B) **Two members who are county public health officials;**

14 (C) **One member with expertise and experience in local health care;**

15 (D) **Two members who represent local nonprofit entities that regularly work with public**  
16 **health departments; and**

17 (E) **One member who is an academic professional specializing in public health.**

18 (d) **The Director of the Oregon Health Authority shall appoint three at large members.**

19 (e) **The Director of Human Services shall appoint one at large member.**

20 (2)(a) **The task force shall study the regionalization and consolidation of public health**  
21 **services and the future of public health services in this state in order to make recommen-**  
22 **dations for legislation.**

**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 shall focus on recommendations that:

2 (A) Create a public health system for the future.

3 (B) Explore the creation of regional structures to provide public health services that are  
4 consistent with the distribution of population and established patterns of delivery of health  
5 care services.

6 (C) Enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the provision of public health services.

7 (D) Allow for appropriate partnerships with regional health care service providers and  
8 community organizations.

9 (E) Consider cultural and historical appropriateness.

10 (F) Are supported by best practices.

11 (3) The task force may inform its deliberations with the opinions and practices of na-  
12 tionally recognized experts and programs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (10)(a) No later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit, in the manner provided  
24 by ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public health,  
25 a report relating to the future of public health services, including an exploration of the  
26 regionalization and consolidation of public health services.

27 (b) If the task force determines that legislation is necessary, the report shall contain  
28 recommendations for legislative concepts.

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

30 (12) Notwithstanding ORS 171.072, members of the task force who are members of the  
31 Legislative Assembly are not entitled to mileage expenses or a per diem and serve as volun-  
32 teers on the task force. Other members of the task force are not entitled to compensation  
33 or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

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

38 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2013 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2016  
39 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

40 **SECTION 3.** This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
41 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect  
42 on its passage.