

Senate Bill 129

Sponsored by Senator RILEY (Pre-session 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 **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Oregon. Directs task force to study and make recommendations for diagnosis and treatment of Oregonians with post-traumatic stress disorder, particularly veterans, and to identify funding sources. Directs task force to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health care and veterans by September 15, 2018. Sunsets task force on December 31, 2018.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a task force on post-traumatic stress disorder; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Oregon is estab-**
5 **lished.**

6 **(2) The task force consists of 13 members appointed as follows:**

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

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

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

12 **(A) The Director of Veterans' Affairs or the director's designee;**

13 **(B) The Director of the Oregon Health Authority or the director's designee;**

14 **(C) The Director of Human Services or the director's designee;**

15 **(D) Two persons who are medical professionals with expertise in the treatment of per-**
16 **sons diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder;**

17 **(E) Two persons who are licensed clinical social workers with expertise in the treatment**
18 **of persons diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder;**

19 **(F) Two persons who are members, or veterans, of the Armed Forces of the United**
20 **States who have been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder; and**

21 **(G) Two persons who represent community stakeholders with an interest in the diagnosis**
22 **and treatment of community members with post-traumatic stress disorder.**

23 **(3) The task force shall study and make recommendations for the diagnosis and treat-**
24 **ment of Oregonians with post-traumatic stress disorder, particularly veterans, and identify**
25 **funding sources for statewide efforts to improve the diagnosis and treatment of persons with**
26 **post-traumatic stress disorder in this state.**

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

29 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**

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 of the task force.

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

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

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

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

8 (10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and
9 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative
10 Assembly related to health care and veterans no later than September 15, 2018.

11 (11) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

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

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

21 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
22 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
23 on its passage.