

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 3

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A Concurrent Resolution relating to healthcare; creating the Oklahoma State Prescription Drug Program Task Force; stating purpose of Task Force; providing for study of certain issues; requiring a report; stating membership; providing travel reimbursement and staffing.

WHEREAS, prescription drug costs have greatly risen over the past several years;

WHEREAS, affordability is crucial in providing prescription drugs to Oklahoma residents;

WHEREAS, many Oklahomans are not covered under a prescription drug plan;

WHEREAS, Oklahomans without a prescription drug plan would strongly benefit from a state-negotiated prescription drug program;

WHEREAS, the state of Maine has already passed legislation creating such a state-negotiated prescription drug program and other states are looking into this arrangement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT there is hereby created the Oklahoma State Prescription Drug Program Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study the need for a statewide prescription drug program and make any recommendations on how such program could be implemented in the State of Oklahoma and present such recommendations in a report to

the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2001.

THAT the Task Force Shall include the following fifteen (15) members:

1. Four Senate members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as the co-chair;

2. Four House of Representatives members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as the co-chair;

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members of the health care community, one of whom shall be licensed to prescribe drugs in this state, and the other shall be from the health care insurance industry doing business in this state;

4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members of the health care community, one of whom shall be licensed to prescribe drugs in this state, and the other shall be from the health care insurance industry doing business in this state;

5. The Administrator of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, or designee;

6. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council, or designee;

7. The Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or designee.

THAT the members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but they shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. Non-legislator members shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. State employees and officers shall be reimbursed by their agencies or institutions. Others shall be reimbursed by the Legislative Services Bureau.

THAT staff assistance to the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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