

Health Care Reform Amendments
 2026 GENERAL SESSION
 STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jason E. Thompson
 Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes the Health Care Reform Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- creates the Health Care Reform Task Force; and
- establishes membership and duties of the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

36-29-113, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-29-113** is enacted to read:

36-29-113 . Health Care Reform Task Force.

(1) There is created the Health Care Reform Task Force, consisting of the following members:

- (a) three members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than two of whom are from the same political party;
- (b) five members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than three of whom are from the same political party;
- (c) the commissioner of the Insurance Department, or the commissioner's designee;
- (d) the state Medicaid director, or the director's designee; and
- (e) two members appointed by the governor.

- 31 (2) A member of the Senate, designated by the president of the Senate, and a member of the
32 House of Representatives, designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
33 shall co-chair the committee.
- 34 (3) The task force shall study the creation of one or more multistate coalitions to develop
35 joint strategies and uniform compacts to address the health care systems including:
36 (a) pharmacy benefit manager regulations;
37 (b) drug purchasing;
38 (c) health care costs reporting and transparency;
39 (d) Medicaid; and
40 (e) the health care work force.
- 41 (4) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to
42 the task force.
- 43 (5) A majority of members of the task force constitutes a quorum.
- 44 (6) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may
45 receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:
46 (a) Section 63A-3-106;
47 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
48 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and
49 63A-3-107.
- 50 (7) On or before September 1, 2027, the task force shall report the task force's progress and
51 any recommendations to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee.

52 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.