

KIDNEY HEALTH TASK FORCE

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates the Kidney Health Task Force (task force).

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ creates the task force;
- ▶ requires the task force to provide recommendations on how to improve kidney health in Utah;
- ▶ creates a repeal date; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-1-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 175, 247

ENACTS:

36-29-401, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-29-402, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-29-403, Utah Code Annotated 1953



28 [36-29-404](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953
29 [36-29-405](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953



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

32 Section 1. Section **36-29-401** is enacted to read:

33 **Part 4. Kidney Health Task Force**

34 **36-29-401. Definitions.**

35 As used in this part, "task force" means the Kidney Health Task Force created in
36 Section [36-29-402](#).

37 Section 2. Section **36-29-402** is enacted to read:

38 **36-29-402. Task force membership.**

39 (1) There is created the Kidney Health Task Force.

40 (2) The following are members of the task force:

41 (a) a member of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate;

42 (b) a member of the Senate, appointed by the minority leader of Senate;

43 (c) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House
44 of Representatives;

45 (d) a member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the minority leader of the
46 House of Representatives; and

47 (e) the lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee.

48 (3) The governor shall appoint the following additional members to the task force:

49 (a) an individual representing the Department of Health and Human Services;

50 (b) an individual representing a health care system;

51 (c) an individual representing the nephrologist community;

52 (d) an individual representing the kidney patient community;

53 (e) two individuals from separate nonprofit organizations that focus on kidney disease;

54 and

55 (f) two individuals who represent any of the following:

56 (i) public health clinics;

57 (ii) community health centers;

58 (iii) minority health organizations; or

59 (iv) private health insurers.

60 (4) (a) A member appointed by the governor under Subsection (3) shall serve a
61 four-year term.

62 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (4)(a), for the initial appointments of members
63 described in Subsection (3), the governor shall appoint four members to a two-year
64 appointment to ensure that half of the members appointed by the governor rotate every two
65 years.

66 (c) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the applicable appointing
67 authority shall appoint a replacement for the remainder of the unexpired term of the original
68 appointment.

69 (5) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide staff for the task
70 force.

71 Section 3. Section **36-29-403** is enacted to read:

72 **36-29-403. Task force meetings.**

73 (1) The task force shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from the task force's
74 membership.

75 (2) The task force shall meet at least three times each year.

76 (3) (a) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum.

77 (b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

78 Section 4. Section **36-29-404** is enacted to read:

79 **36-29-404. Duties.**

80 (1) The task force shall study issues related to:

81 (a) kidney disease, including higher rates of the disease in minority populations;

82 (b) transplantation; and

83 (c) living and deceased kidney donation.

84 (2) The task force shall provide recommendations for:

85 (a) programs that treat kidney disease;

86 (b) programs that detect kidney disease in early stages of the disease;

87 (c) programs to reduce the burden of kidney disease on patients and communities; and

88 (d) an outreach and marketing campaign that includes:

89 (i) health education workshops and seminars;

- 90 (ii) preventative screenings;
91 (iii) a social media campaign; and
92 (iv) television and radio commercials.

93 (3) Before November 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, the task force shall provide a
94 written report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee regarding the
95 recommendations described in Subsection (2).

96 Section 5. Section **36-29-405** is enacted to read:

97 **36-29-405. Members serve without pay -- Reimbursement for expenses.**

98 (1) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation or
99 benefits for the member's service but may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:

100 (a) Section [63A-3-106](#);

101 (b) Section [63A-3-107](#); and

102 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections [63A-3-106](#) and
103 [63A-3-107](#).

104 (2) Salary and expenses of a task force member who is a legislator shall be paid in
105 accordance with Section [36-2-2](#) and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation
106 and Expenses.

107 Section 6. Section **63I-1-236** is amended to read:

108 **63I-1-236. Repeal dates: Title 36.**

109 (1) Title 36, Chapter 17, Legislative Process Committee, is repealed January 1, 2028.

110 (2) Section [36-12-20](#) is repealed June 30, 2023.

111 (3) Title 36, Chapter 28, Veterans and Military Affairs Commission, is repealed
112 January 1, 2025.

113 (4) Section [36-29-108](#), Criminal Code Evaluation Task Force, is repealed July 1, 2023.

114 (5) Title 36, Chapter 29, Part 4, Kidney Health Task Force, is repealed December 31,
115 2033.

116 [~~(5) Title 36, Chapter 31, Martha Hughes Cannon Capitol Statue Oversight Committee,~~
117 ~~is repealed January 1, 2022.~~]