

# Universal Health Plan Governance Board

## Committee Charters

July 2024 – March 2026

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### Finance and Revenue Committee Committee Charter

#### Committee Membership

Board Members: Warren George (Chair); Cherryl Ramirez

Non-Board Members:

#### Tasks:

- Develop a list of attributes of a sound financial plan
- Review and understand current health spending in Oregon
- Develop an annual Universal Health Plan cost target that can be supported with new revenue and existing health spending
- Review methods of revenue collection to withstand an ERISA challenge
- Review, update and build on revenue options to pay for universal health plan as outlined in the Joint Task Force Report
- Describe the impact of revenue or taxes on large and small businesses and households
- Identify required startup costs and plan reserves and develop strategies for building the needed reserves
- Compare and contrast current mechanisms for funding for health care with the proposed financing strategy

#### Deliverables: [SB 1089 Section 2(3) i and j]

- Unified financing strategy for the Universal Health Plan that may include an income tax, a payroll tax, or other options that take into considerations ERISA and has support from large and small employers
- Analysis of the impact of Universal Health Plan on Oregon's economy

#### Process Considerations:

The committee will provide recommendations to the board and has no authority to make decisions for the board. The committee will exist until it is dissolved by the board. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the board and by a vote of the board may be removed, or replaced.

As the committee is developing recommendations engagement with the business community, as recommended by the Community Engagement Committee, will need to be built into the timeline.

#### Recommendations Guidance: Committee Decision – Making Process

Quorum: A simple majority of committee members.

**Consensus:** A consensus decision-making approach will be used to facilitate the committee's deliberations and to ensure that the committee receives the collective benefit of the individual views, experiences, backgrounds, training, and expertise of its members.

**Voting:** Recommendations to the board made by the committee, including when there is consensus, must be taken by public rollcall vote of all members present. Voting should flexibly follow the process set forth in Robert's Rules of Order. Absent compelling circumstances (e.g., as mandated by applicable conflict of interest laws and policies), committee members should not abstain from voting. Voting can be used when consensus is not achieved, and any committee member is eligible to make a motion. If there are votes in the minority, those members voting in the minority may submit an explanation of their vote and provide alternative proposals.

**Timeline and Meeting Frequency: July 2024 – August 2025**

Committee will meet every two – three weeks and provide monthly updates to the Governance Board on progress.

June: Governance Board review and approve committee charter

July: Recruitment for non-board members

August-October: Foundation building. Build understanding of current health spending and revenue options in Oregon and review revenue options discussed by the Joint Task Force

November-January, 2025: Develop revenue options and strategies for startup costs and reserves

February-April, 2025: Outreach and engagement on revenue options being developed

May – July, 2025: Discuss input with committee and board and revise unified financing strategy

August, 2025: Present committee deliverables to the board

**Subject Matter Expertise**

Staff will invite experts on Oregon's current methods of taxation and options for financing a Universal Health Plan. State and/or National experts will be brought in to provide analysis of the impact of taxes on large and small businesses.

**Resources Needed**

Health spending. Legal and Oregon tax/ finance policy support. Revenue analysis and impact.

**Staff**

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