

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 212—ASSEMBLYMEN WEBER, KOIVISTO,
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GIUNCHIGLIANI, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN,
KIRKPATRICK, LESLIE, MABEY, MCCLAIN, PARNELL,
PIERCE, SHERER, SIBLEY AND SMITH

MARCH 16, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS CEGAVSKE, TITUS AND HECK

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Creates Task Force for Elimination of Cervical
Cancer. (BDR S-1172)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION — Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to cervical cancer; creating the Task Force for the
Elimination of Cervical Cancer and providing its duties;
and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

The bill creates the Task Force for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer consisting of 16 members representing various health agencies and organizations, as well as representatives of the news media, members of the Legislature and members of the general public. This bill requires the Task Force to: (1) review data relating to cervical cancer; (2) evaluate current methods of public education, physician education, access to cervical cancer screening and options for increasing screening accuracy; (3) raise public awareness of issues relating to cervical cancer; and (4) identify and examine the limitations of existing laws, programs and services relating to coverage for and awareness of cervical cancer.

This bill further requires the Task Force to develop a statewide comprehensive Plan for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer and strategies for implementing and promoting the Plan. The Task Force is also required to facilitate coordination of and communication among various governmental agencies and organizations regarding current or future involvement in implementing the Plan. The Task Force must submit a report concerning the Plan and proposals for implementing the Plan



16 to the Governor and to the Legislature by February 5, 2007, the date on which the
17 provisions of this bill are set to expire.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** As used in sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act,
2 unless the context otherwise requires:

3 1. "Plan" means the Plan for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer
4 developed by the Task Force pursuant to section 4 of this act.

5 2. "Task Force" means the Task Force for the Elimination of
6 Cervical Cancer created by section 2 of this act.

7 **Sec. 2.** The Task Force for the Elimination of Cervical Cancer,
8 consisting of 16 members, is hereby created. The Task Force
9 consists of:

10 1. The following ex officio members:

11 (a) The Administrator of the Health Division of the Department
12 of Human Resources or his designee; and

13 (b) The Executive Officer of the Public Employees' Benefits
14 Program or his designee.

15 2. The following members appointed by the Senate Majority
16 Leader:

17 (a) One member of the Senate;

18 (b) One member who is a representative of a women's health
19 organization;

20 (c) One member who is a board-certified member of the
21 American Academy of Pediatrics; and

22 (d) One member who is licensed to teach at the secondary level
23 in this State.

24 3. The following members appointed by the Speaker of the
25 Assembly:

26 (a) One member of the Assembly;

27 (b) One member who is a representative of the Nevada Cancer
28 Institute;

29 (c) One member who is a representative of the health insurance
30 industry; and

31 (d) One member who is a board-certified member of the
32 American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

33 4. The following members appointed by the Governor:

34 (a) One member who is a board-certified member of the
35 American Academy of Family Physicians;

36 (b) One member who is an employee of the Health Division;

37 (c) One member who is a licensed registered nurse;



1 (d) One member who is the news director of a newspaper or a
2 television or radio station; and

3 (e) Two members of the general public.

4 **Sec. 3.** 1. A vacancy in the membership of the Task Force
5 must be filled in the same manner as the original member was
6 appointed.

7 2. The Governor shall appoint one member of the Task Force
8 to serve as Chairman of the Task Force.

9 3. The members of the Task Force shall select one member of
10 the Task Force to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Task Force.

11 4. The Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall
12 provide the necessary professional staff and a secretary for the Task
13 Force.

14 5. Nine members of the Task Force constitute a quorum to
15 transact all business and a majority of those present, physically or
16 via telecommunications, must concur on any decision.

17 6. The Task Force shall meet at least four times and at the call
18 of the Chairman.

19 7. Within the limits of available money, for each day or portion
20 of a day during which they attend a meeting of the Task Force or are
21 otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force:

22 (a) The members of the Task Force who are Legislators are
23 entitled to receive compensation as provided for a majority of
24 members of the Legislature during the first 60 days of the preceding
25 regular session plus the per diem allowance provided for state
26 officers and employees generally and the travel allowance provided
27 pursuant to NRS 218.2207.

28 (b) The remaining members of the Task Force are entitled to
29 receive a per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state
30 officers and employees generally.

31 8. The members of the Task Force who are state employees
32 must be relieved from their duties without loss of their regular
33 compensation to perform their duties relating to the Task Force in
34 the most timely manner practicable. The state employees may not be
35 required to make up the time they are absent from work to fulfill
36 their obligations as members of the Task Force or take annual leave
37 or compensatory time for the absence.

38 **Sec. 4.** The Task Force shall:

39 1. Review data relating to cervical cancer, including, without
40 limitation, data relating to the prevalence and burden of cervical
41 cancer.

42 2. Evaluate current methods of education of providers of health
43 care and the general public, access to cervical cancer screening and
44 options for increasing the accuracy of such screenings.



1 3. Raise public awareness of issues relating to cervical cancer,
2 including, without limitation:

- 3 (a) The causes and nature of cervical cancer;
4 (b) Personal risk factors;
5 (c) The value of prevention, early detection and diagnosis;
6 (d) Options for screening, testing and treatment;
7 (e) Treatment costs;
8 (f) Reimbursement for medical care; and
9 (g) The development of new drugs, medicines, technologies,

10 treatments and devices which may be effective in preventing and
11 controlling cervical cancer.

12 4. Identify and examine the limitations of existing laws,
13 regulations, programs and services with regard to coverage for and
14 awareness of cervical cancer.

15 5. Develop a statewide comprehensive Plan for the Prevention
16 of Cervical Cancer, and strategies for implementing the Plan and for
17 promoting the Plan to elected officials, public and private agencies,
18 associations and organizations, and businesses and the general
19 public.

20 6. Facilitate coordination of and communication among state,
21 regional and local agencies and organizations regarding current or
22 future involvement in implementing the Plan.

23 **Sec. 5.** The Task Force may hold public hearings at such times
24 and places as it determines necessary to provide the general public
25 and representatives of governmental agencies and organizations
26 interested in the elimination of cervical cancer an opportunity to
27 present relevant information and recommendations.

28 **Sec. 6.** The Task Force may, within the limits of available
29 money, employ such consultants as it deems necessary to carry out
30 the provisions of this act.

31 **Sec. 7.** The Task Force may accept and use all gifts and grants
32 that it receives to carry out its duties.

33 **Sec. 8.** The Task Force shall, on or before February 5, 2007,
34 submit to the Governor and to the Director of the Legislative
35 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature a report
36 concerning the activities and findings of the Task Force, including,
37 without limitation, a presentation of the Plan for the Prevention of
38 Cervical Cancer and proposals for implementing the Plan.

39 **Sec. 9.** The Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the
40 Assembly and the Governor shall, as soon as practicable on or after
41 July 1, 2005, make their respective appointments to the Task Force
42 as required by section 2 of this act.



1 **Sec. 10.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005, and
2 expires by limitation on February 5, 2007.



