

HB 1638 -- ALZHEIMER'S STATE PLAN TASK FORCE

SPONSOR: Overcast

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health by a vote of 17 to 0.

Currently, provisions establishing and governing the Alzheimer's State Plan Task Force expire on December 31, 2027.

This bill extends that expiration date to 2033, changes the number of task force members from 21 to 22, requires a member of the task force to be a representative of licensed assisted living facilities, repeals the advice and consent requirement of the Senate for appointment to the task force, specifies that the terms for any member appointed before August 28, 2026, will expire on December 31, 2026, and creates a staggered term scheme for the first members appointed after December 31, 2026; each member of the task force, with certain exceptions specified in the bill, will serve a two-year term.

The bill requires the task force, before January 1, 2029, and every five years thereafter, to deliver a report of recommendations based on its findings to the Governor and members of the General Assembly, as well as any additional assessments conducted since its last report.

This bill is similar to HB 1406 (2025).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill makes technical updates to a critical task force that is responsible for directing vital recommendations. By slightly expanding the task force's membership there will be additional feedback and perspective to draw from.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Overcast; Arnie Dienoff; and the Alzheimer's Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.