

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/23, 4/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates nine member Task Force on Civics and Financial Education with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Speaker of the House, and President of the Senate each appointing three members to study and make recommendations about how to increase and improve civics and financial education in K-12 public schools. Directs the task force to submit a report to the interim committees on education by October 1, 2008. Directs the Department of Education to provide staff support to the task force. Sunsets the task force on the opening of the next regular biennial legislative session.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of civics education and financial education
- Other bills that proposed additional requirements on civics education and financial education
- High rate of financial problems among young adults, including bankruptcy and high credit card debt
- Need for preparing students to be active in civic affairs
- Task force vs. commission

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** The amendment replaces the entire text of HB 2584.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2584-A would direct that task force members be from groups representing “school administrators, civics teachers, finance teachers, teachers who are members of a labor union, school district boards, students, business leaders and other groups with expertise in civics and financial education.”