

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Metsger, Morse, Walker
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Westlund
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on School Computers. Bars task force members from receiving compensation or reimbursement of expenses for service on task force. Requires task force to report to Legislature no later than February 1, 2009. Sunsets task force on January 2, 2010. Declares an emergency; effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of bill
- Upgrading computer programs available to students
- Implementation challenges of providing computers to individual students
- Scope of the task force's charge

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Bars task force members from receiving compensation or reimbursement of expenses for service on task force.

**BACKGROUND:** The state is currently conducting a four-school pilot project with laptop computers donated by Intel for every sixth grade student and teacher at Forest Grove, Redmond, Tumalo, and Vale middle schools. The Governor's budget includes \$1.8 million to expand this pilot project to approximately 3,500 students and teachers at the sixth and seventh grade level throughout the state. The project aims to leverage private sector contributions. Separately, Springfield Middle School has a pilot project with laptop computers purchased from Apple for every student and teacher in grades six through eight.

HB 2750A creates a Task Force on School Computers to convene from July 1, 2007 until January 2, 2010. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall appoint task force members who represent administrators, teachers, school district boards and other groups as identified by the superintendent. The task force is charged with studying the costs and implementation obstacles of providing laptop computers to each kindergarten through grade twelve public school student. The Department of Education will staff the task force.