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Yeas: Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley  
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Meeting Dates: 3/08 (Education Innovation Subcommittee), 3/27 (Education Innovation Subcommittee), 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on School Computers. Directs task force to study costs and obstacles of providing laptop computers to kindergarten through grade 12 public school students. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Interest in looking at how to provide laptop computers to students statewide
- Computers facilitating differentiated learning and self-assessment; computers reducing waiting time
- Potential aggregated purchasing power of a statewide program
- Best practices for schools and local school district initiatives

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2750 would create a Task Force on School Computers that would be in effect from July 1, 2007 until January 1, 2010. HB 2750 states that the Superintendent of Public Instruction “shall appoint members [of the task force] who represent administrators, teachers, school district boards and other groups identified by the superintendent.” HB 2750 would require that “The task force shall study the costs and implementation obstacles of providing laptop computers to each kindergarten through grade 12 public school student. The task force shall determine the costs of providing laptop computers at different grade levels.”

The state is currently conducting a four school (Forest Grove Middle School, Redmond Middle School, Tumalo Middle School, and Vale Middle School) pilot project with laptop computers donated by Intel for every student and teacher in the 6th grade at these 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 6-8.