

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	4 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Carter, Gordly, Courtney, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	Kruse
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Coordination of Behavioral Science Research. Declares emergency; takes effect upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Crime prevention
- Science and practice coming together
- Institutional support and willingness to provide staff

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes provision which would allow members of the task force to be entitled to compensation and reimbursement. Allows Department of Human Services to accept public or private contributions of moneys for the purposes of carrying out the duties of the task force.

BACKGROUND: HB 3267 A is designed to coordinate efforts on behavioral science research for policymaking. The Task Force will have 15 members appointed by the Governor representing a range of organizations involved in behavioral science research and related public policy issues.

HB 3267 A directs that “The task force shall study methods to increase the coordination of behavioral science research with practical efforts to improve the well-being of Oregonians. As part of its study, the task force shall: (a) Review Oregon's systems for monitoring human well-being; (b) Propose strategies for coordinating research and practice organizations to ensure implementation of programs to improve the well-being of Oregonians; and (c) Identify behavioral science research programs, policies and practices that could be utilized to help Oregonians.” HB 3267A directs that “The task force may create a searchable database of: (a) All behavioral science organizations and research projects in Oregon; and (b) Behavioral scientists who are willing to be consultants to state agencies and nonprofit human service organizations.”

HB 3267 A directs the Department of Human Services to provide staff support to the task force, directs that a report be submitted by October 1, 2008, and sunsets the task force on the opening of the next regular biennial legislative session.