

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
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Yeas: Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
Nays: Krummel
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Coordination of Behavioral Science Research. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of linking research to public policy
- Examples of research done in Oregon and then applied to improve public policy
- Delay between scientific discovery and implementation of discovery
- Specific issues before the legislature where research is helpful in decision-making
- Federal support for scientific research in Oregon
- Membership of proposed task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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

HB 3267 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 3267 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 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.