

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 8 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley

Nays: Krummel

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/12 (Subcommittee on Education Innovation), 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Oregon SWAT (Schools Will Attract Talent) Team for Oregon's Future Task Force. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Preventing brain drain from Oregon
- Desire to recruit best and brightest students to stay in Oregon for post-secondary education
- Gear Up program (federal/state/local partnership)
- Need to clarify name of task force
- Whether or not some of these activities are already being done by state agencies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Amendment spells out the acronym SWAT as Schools Will Attract Talent and clarifies that Department of Education will be the department providing staff support to the task force.

BACKGROUND: HB 3309-A would create a six-member Oregon SWAT (Schools Will Attract Talent) Team for Oregon's Future Task Force consisting of the following members or their designees: the Superintendent of Public Instruction; the Governor; the Executive Director of the Oregon Student Assistance Commission; the Commissioner for Community College Services; the Chancellor of the Oregon University System; and (f) a representative from the Oregon Independent Colleges Association appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. According to HB 3309-A, "The purpose of the task force is to identify methods to persuade Oregon's brightest high school graduates to attend college, live and work in Oregon."

HB 3309 directs the task force to "(a) Study available resources that can be used to create incentives that would motivate top Oregon high school graduates to enroll in Oregon universities; (b) Identify resources to motivate top Oregon high school graduates who have left this state to attend college to return to Oregon after their graduation from college; and (c) Identify resources such as financial aid, special honors programs and recruitment packages that would persuade top Oregon high school graduates to enroll in Oregon universities."

The task force is directed to "submit its findings in a report to the Governor, the Department of Education and the interim committees on education no later than October 1, 2008."

HB 3309-A has a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.