House Bill 2584

Sponsored by Representative BUCKLEY

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SUMMARY

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Creates Task Force on Morale in Kindergarten through Grade 12 Education. Directs task force to study morale of teachers, staff and students in kindergarten through grade 12 public schools. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to education; and declaring an emergency. 2

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon: 3

SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Morale in Kindergarten through 4 Grade 12 Education, consisting of members appointed by the Superintendent of Public In- $\mathbf{5}$ struction. The superintendent shall appoint members who represent administrators, teach-6 ers, classified school employees, school district boards, students and other groups identified 7 8 by the superintendent. 9 (2) The task force shall study teacher, staff and student morale in kindergarten through grade 12 public schools. The task force shall make recommendations for increasing the mo-10 rale of teachers, staff and students. 11 12 (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction 13of business. 14 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force. 15 16 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson. 17(6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the superintendent shall make an appointment to become immediately effective. 18 19 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson 20 or of a majority of the members of the task force. 21(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

22(9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim legislative committees on education on or before October 1, 2008.

(10) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force. 24

(11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed 25 for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of 26 their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for ex-27 penses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose. 28

(12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and school districts are 29 30 directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted 31 by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members

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1 of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

2 <u>SECTION 2.</u> Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next 2 regular biomail logislative session

3 regular biennial legislative session.

4 <u>SECTION 3.</u> This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 5 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect 6 July 1, 2007.

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