House Bill 2750

Sponsored by Representative BEYER; Representative BARNHART, Senator MORRISETTE

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to providing computers to individual students; and declaring an emergency.
 - Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
 - <u>SECTION 1.</u> (1) There is created the Task Force on School Computers, consisting of members appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The superintendent shall appoint members who represent administrators, teachers, school district boards and other groups identified by the superintendent.
 - (2) 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.
 - (3) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.
 - (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the superintendent shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.
 - (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task force.
 - (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.
 - (9) The task force shall submit a report that includes cost estimates and an identification of implementation obstacles to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2009.
 - (10) The Department of Education shall provide staff support to the task force.
 - (11) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the department for that purpose.
 - (12) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and school districts are directed to assist the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members

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of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2007 Act is repealed on January 2, 2010.

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