

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	10 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Dembrow, Harker, Huffman, Komp, Maurer, Roblan, Sprenger, Thatcher, VanOrman, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/27, 4/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on Alternative Tuition Systems. Requires members of the task force to have knowledge and experience in higher education. Provides purpose of task force is to study feasibility of alternatives to traditional methods of payment of college tuition. Requires task force to submit report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to higher education no later than October 1, 2010. Repeals measure on date of convening of the next regular biennial legislative session. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Alternative means of paying for higher education
- Increases in the cost of higher education
- Need for creative thinking in finding new ways to pay for higher education

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 2851 creates a task force to explore alternative methods of paying for college tuition. The task force is instructed to look at different alternatives of paying for higher education in an effort to find new and inventive ways of covering the costs of a college education.