

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	9 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Frederick, Garrett, Gilliam, Holvey, Richardson, Witt, Read
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Thatcher
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/2, 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes 15 member Task Force on Stage Two Business Development (Task Force). Outlines Task Force membership, required activities, and operations. Establishes Oregon Stage Two Business Development and Economic Gardening Fund (Fund). Authorizes Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts to be deposited in Fund. Appropriates money in Fund to OBDD to carry out duties of Task Force. Repeals Task Force on July 1, 2011. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Collaboration with other efforts to help businesses
- Success of economic gardening councils in other states and communities

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: HB 3644A establishes the Task Force on Stage Two Business Development (Task Force). The Task Force is charged with identifying and assessing Oregon's business development services; collaborating with state and local governments; making recommendations to the 76th Legislative Assembly; recommending program areas in which Oregon University System programs may choose to participate; recommending criteria for stage two, high-growth businesses; recommending key metrics and outcomes to measure if the state created an economic gardening program; and making recommendations on how an economic gardening program may fit with efforts to support development of the state's minority, women, and emerging small businesses.

The economic gardening concept was created in Littleton, Colorado in 1987. The economic gardening model seeks to create jobs by supporting existing companies in a community. Economic gardening connects entrepreneurs to resources, encouraging the development of essential infrastructure and providing entrepreneurs with needed information.