

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Johnson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 22 – 0 – 3

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Garrard, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, Richardson,
G. Smith, Thatcher, Whisnant

Nays:

Exc: Freeman, Kotek

Senate

Yeas: Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Thomsen, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 20, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes an 18-member State and Local Government Efficiency Task Force charged with identifying opportunities to provide services in the most effective and cost-efficient manner through coordinated and integrated reorganization of the way services are delivered by state and local government entities and through specific process improvements. The bill directs the task force to submit an interim report to the appropriate committee no later than January 31, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Work of the Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision during 2009-10 interim
- Appointing authority for the task force
- The need for a task force

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During the 2009 legislative session, House Bill 2920 passed with bipartisan support to create the Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision. The Task Force was charged with reviewing state and county shared services in four areas: assessment and taxation, elections, human services, and criminal justice, with the objective of considering a redistribution of functions in those areas.

In its final report, the Task Force presented 23 recommendations. Fourteen of those recommendations were to be drafted into legislative proposals. The final report noted that perhaps the most valuable part of the Task Force was in bringing the Legislature, the Governor's office, state agencies, counties, cities, and special districts to the same table to discuss issues that impact every resident of Oregon. The Task Force noted that it was particularly valuable to have the policy makers, service deliverers, and administrators all together working toward effective and efficient service delivery. One of the 23 recommendations was to continue the work of the Task Force, modifying the focus to include natural resources and education while continuing criminal justice, human services, and elections.