

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	8 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Greenlick, Harker, Hunt, Lindsay, Sheehan, Sprenger, Dembrow, Johnson
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Victoria Cox, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/1, 2/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Access and Success to research and report on strategies for encouraging students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Establishes STEM Fund for purpose of providing scholarships to STEM students. Sunsets upon convening of 2013 Legislative Session. Allows Task Force to accept donations of staff support, office space and equipment from businesses and advocacy organizations to assist in performance of functions. Precludes legislative members of Task Force from receiving mileage reimbursement or per diem for work on the Task Force. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Expansion of Task Force membership
- Participation of stakeholders throughout the pipeline
- Representation of both large and small businesses
- Outreach to underserved student populations
- Fiscal impact of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows Task Force to accept donations of staff support, office space and equipment from businesses and advocacy organizations to assist in performance of functions. Precludes legislative members of Task Force from receiving mileage reimbursement or per diem for work on the Task Force. Increases Task Force membership 7 to 16, to include two Senators and two Representatives.

**BACKGROUND:** Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education serves as the foundation for many high-wage careers. Some local employers report the necessity of recruiting out-of-state due to the lack of Oregon candidates with adequate STEM skills.

House Bill 4056-A establishes the Task Force on STEM Access and Success to develop strategies for encouraging Oregon students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics.