

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Garrard
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Girod

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 23 – 0 – 2

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

Nays:

Exc: Freeman

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: February 27, 2012

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a 16-member Task Force on STEM Access and Success to develop strategies to encourage students to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The task force is required to submit a report that may include recommendations for legislation to the interim legislative committee on education, by October 1, 2012. The task force sunsets on the date of the convening of 77th Oregon Legislative Assembly.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.