

**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>	7 - 1 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Greenlick, Harker, Lindsay, Sheehan, Sprenger, Dembrow, Johnson
<b>Nays:</b>	Hunt
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Victoria Cox, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/2, 2/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes Special Committee on University Governance to review issues of governance within the higher education system and coordination among elements of that system with other education programs and missions. Specifies task force membership and requires report to the Legislative Assembly and Governor no later than November 1, 2012. Sunsets upon convening of 2013 Legislative Session. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Stakeholder input on Task Force charge
- Coordination and consolidation of higher education governance structures
- Prejudgment regarding desirability of institutional boards
- Student concerns regarding affordability and access for Oregon students

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Changes name from Task Force on Higher Education Governance and Coordination to Special Committee on University Governance. Clarifies duties of Committee.

**BACKGROUND:** Although Senate Bill 242 (2011) redefined the Oregon University System (OUS) as a public university system with greater authority and independence to manage affairs, operations and obligations, some in the higher education community the establishment of independent boards at state institutions. House Bill 4061-A creates the Task Force on Higher Education Governance and Coordination to study the issue and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later than November 1, 2012. In addition, the measure specifies that the Task Force will be composed of four Senators, four Representatives and two members of the Oregon Education Investment Board.