

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Senate President's desk for the purpose of referral to another committee and then Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Richard Donovan, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on Educator Health Benefits. Requires task force to review benefit plans provided through Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB), analyze benefits provided by plans, determine if provision of plans resulted in savings to state, and report to legislative interim committee no later than June 1, 2014. Continuously appropriates moneys to task force for purposes of carrying out duties of task force. Sunsets task force on June 30, 2014.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- No committee discussion; no public hearing scheduled in committee

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 170 extends a sunset for a task force created by Senate Bill 426 (2007). That measure established OEBB, the purpose of which was to contract for medical and dental plans, and other employee benefits. That measure also creates the Task Force on Educator Health Benefits (Task Force), directed to, “review the benefit plans provided through the Oregon Educators Benefit Board, analyze the benefits provided by and the administration of the benefit plans and determine whether the enactment of [Senate Bill 426] has resulted in cost savings to the state.” The Task Force was to submit a report by October 1, 2012, and was to sunset no later than February 4, 2013. The majority of the Task Force positions were to be appointed by the Governor. The task force positions were not filled until August, 2012. The Task Force met once and issued the required October 1, 2012 report. That report indicates that the work of the Task Force is not complete.

**Note:** At the request of the Chief Sponsor, Sen. Steiner Hayward, the bill will be referred to the Senate President’s office. It has not been heard by the Education and Workforce Development committee and has only been subject to a work session for purposes of referral to the President’s desk.