Representative Williamson

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

HB 4087 Relating to school safety

House Bill 4087 creates 14-member Task Force on School Safety charged with: (1) developing a request for proposals for hiring a vendor to create an Internet accessible database of floor plans for all schools within the state; and (2) examining models of school safety and incident response education and training programs to create a uniform protocol for responding to crisis and hazards. The task force is required to submit a report regarding the floor plan database to the Legislature by September 1, 2014.

This task force is intended to be a starting point for a collaborative effort to develop a comprehensive approach to threat assessment and consequence management for schools in Oregon. Each and every school within the state faces a variety of threats ranging from natural hazards, such as floods and tornadoes, to fires, to hazardous materials spills, to active shooter threats. It is important that schools and first responders be aware of these threats and is prepared to manage any contingency that presents itself.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends House Bill 4087 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.