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Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/18/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments, Be Printed Engrossed And Be Referred To Ways And Means By Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 02/04, 02/18

House

Yeas: 8 - Buehler, Clem, Greenlick, Hayden, Weidner, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Nosse

Exc: 1 - Kennemer

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates a 15-member Task Force to Build a More Effective System for Preventing Children's Behavioral, Psychological and Health Problems (Task Force). Specifies Task Force membership, duties, responsibilities and reporting requirements that are designed to increase the availability and successful implementation of evidence-based family, school, and preschool interventions. Specifies membership categories. Sunsets the Task Force on December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Evaluate and take inventory of current programs
- Importance of evidence-based practices
- Current funding levels
- The need to improve efficiencies and effectiveness
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Specifies additional Task Force membership categories.

BACKGROUND:

There is no specific identifiable cause of social, emotional and behavioral health problems in children and adolescents, but there are many studies that highlight the importance of state policies that have been developed on evidence-based practices, statistical evidence and program evaluation. Identifying the risks and developing adequate and appropriate interventions are seen as key elements to developing state strategies and policies.

House Bill 2297-A creates a 15-member Task Force to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the current state efforts to treat or prevent common and costly problems in two ways:

- To examine current criteria and practices to determine whether current funding is effective; and
- To examine how well Oregon is getting evidence-based practices implemented at the local level.