

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/21/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. Refer To Ways And Means By Prior Reference
(Printed A-Eng).

Meeting Dates: 04/21

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Task Force on Measures of Economic and Social Success staffed by Department of Administrative Services. Specifies composition, formalities, and object. Requires report to legislature by September 15, 2016. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Culture of poverty
- Breaking intergenerational tendencies to remain in poverty
- Significantly underestimated costs and inadequacy of existing definitions of poverty
- Driving down percentage of Oregonians in poverty
- Benefit to economy statewide

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Renames task force and restructures some duties.

BACKGROUND:

Improving the development of effective public policies around issues of poverty begins with updated definitions that take more into account than just one factor, such as income level. Senate Bill 890-A establishes a task force to solicit public input about how poverty should be defined, in order to better-inform policymakers' decisions about programs and supports.