

SB 867 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development to study and develop a description of maritime sector and maritime sector workforce in Oregon and to develop recommendations for the State Workforce Investment Board to incorporate consideration of the maritime sector into the statewide workforce investment system plan. Directs the Task Force to report to appropriate legislative committees and Workforce Investment Board by September 15, 2018. Declares state policy to promote coordinate provision of education, employment, economic development and job training to support the maritime sector in Oregon. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

MEASURE HAS SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO SENATE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY

MEASURE HAS SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO JOINT WAYS AND MEANS

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Deletes enterprises engaged in offshore oil and gas exploration from definition of "maritime sector."

BACKGROUND:

Oregon boasts a system of 23 public ports, including nine on the Columbia River and 14 coastal ports, which serve as a critical part of Oregon's multimodal freight transportation system. However, the term "maritime sector" encompasses more than just the movement of freight through ports. The state's maritime workforce includes not just longshoremen and other workers at ports, but also crew on tugs and tow vessels, naval architects and marine engineers, persons engaged in shipbuilding and repair, offshore exploration and support, marine manufacturing, the wave energy industry, commercial and recreational fishers, crabbers and processors, and Oregonians who work in the maritime sector around the globe.