

SB 867 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development to make recommendations for incorporation by State Workforce

Investment Board (SWIB) into statewide workforce investment plan. Requires report to SWIB and Legislature by September 15, 2018. Sunsets on December 31, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day after *sine die*.

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is home to a system of 23 public ports, including nine on the Columbia River and 14 on the coast which are an integral part of Oregon's multimodal freight transportation system. The term "maritime sector" encompasses more than the movement of freight through this system: the state's maritime workforce includes longshoremen and other workers at ports, crews on tugs and tow vessels, naval architects and marine engineers and involves 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 these capacities and industries around the globe.

Senate Bill 867-A declares Oregon's policy to promote the coordinated provision of education, employment, economic development and job training to support the maritime sector. To that end, the measure creates a 17-member task force to develop descriptions of the maritime sector and the maritime sector workforce, and to make recommendations to the State Workforce Investment Board for incorporation into the state's workforce investment system.