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**To:** Education Subcommittee

**From:** Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2017

**Subject:** SB 231 Relating to mental health issues in higher education  
Work Session Recommendations

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Senate Bill 231 establishes the 15-member Task Force on Student Mental Health Support charged with examining the impact of mental health issues and substance abuse disorders on college recruitment, retention, and graduation. The bill takes effect on the 91st day after the end of the 2017 legislative session. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services on 3/1/2017 and 3/20/2017; and in the Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability on 4/3/2017 and 4/10/2017.

**Fiscal impact**

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is required to provide staff support to the task force, including attending task force meetings, as well as to prepare the report to the legislature. Assuming the task force will meet from October 2017 until December 2018, staffing and related costs is estimated to be \$134,000.

Members of the task force must include a representative from the Oregon Health Authority, one faculty and one counselor from a university, as well as one faculty and one counselor from a community college. This fiscal assumes that the appointed agencies, university and community college will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.

## **Recommended Changes**

### **A3 amendment**

The -A3 amendment removes the 4 legislative members of the task force, bringing the task force membership from 15 down to 11. The amendment also requires the Oregon Health Authority to provide staff support to the task force along with HECC. It specifies that HECC would provide administrative support and OHA would collaborate with HECC to provide research, writing and other technical assistance in producing the report to the legislature

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to SB 231. (VOTE)**

### **A4 amendment**

The -A4 amendment adds a \$134,000 General Fund appropriation for the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to fund staff support to the task force. It's expected that HECC and OHA will enter into an inter-agency agreement to handle the costs of supporting this task force.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A4 amendment to SB 231. (VOTE)**

## **Final Subcommittee Action**

It is recommended that SB 231, as amended by the -A3 and -A4 amendments, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move SB 231, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.**

## **Carriers**

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