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Measure Description:

Establishes Task Force on Student Mental Health Support.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Legislative Assembly, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Analysis:

Senate Bill 231 establishes the 11-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.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

HECC and OHA are required to provide staff support to the task force. The bill 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. HECC and OHA anticipates reprioritizing the duties and responsibilities of existing staff to facilitate and to attend task force meetings, as well as to prepare the report to the legislature, the agency may need additional staff resources if the work of the task force requires significant data collection, research, and analysis. In addition, the bill allows the task force to consult experts and conduct research as necessary. Assuming the task force will meet from October 2017 until December 2018, it is estimated that the cost of providing research, writing and other technical assistance to the task force is approximately \$134,000 General Fund.

Members of the task force must include 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 university and community college will reprioritize duties and responsibilities of existing staff to allow participation on the task force.