

HB 2246 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

Action Date: 03/02/17

Action: Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Education, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Alonso Leon, Bynum, Heard, Johnson, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Whisnant

Exc: 1 - Clem

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on the High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act. Specifies task force membership. Requires task force to determine how to implement the Act, and to propose legislation necessary for implementation. Requires task force to submit report to Oregon Legislative Assembly interim education committee by September 15, 2018. Requires Chief Education Office to provide task force staff support. Directs all state agencies to assist task force in performance of duties. Creates sunset on December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Rationale for sending bill to the House Committee on Education
- Opportunities for committee members to participate in Measure 98 discussions
- Legislative work group may eliminate need for an interim task force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Act is also known as Measure 98, a ballot initiative that was approved by Oregon voters in 2016. It would require that the Oregon Legislature allocate approximately \$800 per Oregon high school student to a new High School Graduation and College and Career Readiness Fund. School districts are required to use these moneys for three purposes: to expand career-technical education programs in high schools, to expand college-level educational opportunities for high school students and to expand drop-out prevention strategies in all high schools.