

SB 231 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability

Action Date: 04/10/17
Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - DeBoer, Hass, Prozanski, Riley, Thatcher
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Student Mental Health Support (Task Force) to investigate the impact of mental health issues and substance abuse disorders on college education, recruitment, retention and completion. Requires Task Force report to Legislative Assembly by July 1, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2018. Takes effect 91st day after *sine die*.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The American Psychological Association reports sharp increases in the number of severe psychological problems being addressed at college counseling centers around the country in recent years. Oregon's colleges and universities have different programs and resources available to meet students' behavioral health needs.

Senate Bill 231-A establishes the Task Force on Student Mental Health Support (Task Force) to investigate how mental health issues and substance abuse disorders impact college students. The measure requires the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to provide staff support for the Task Force, and a report to the Legislative Assembly by July 1, 2018.