

## **SB 867 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On General Government and Accountability**

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**Action Date:** 04/12/17

**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill 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:**

Creates Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development to make recommendations for incorporating maritime sector into statewide workforce investment plan by State Workforce Investment Board (SWIB). Requires report to SWIB and legislature by September 15, 2018. Sunsets on December 31, 2018. Takes effect on 91st day after *sine die*.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Supporting maritime sector workforce and industries
- Integrated economic development
- Willingness of members of Coastal Caucus to serve on Task Force
- Association of Oregon Counties' discretionary provision of staff support

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No 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 includes 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 world.

Senate Bill 867-A declares Oregon's policy to promote the coordinated facilitation 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 plan.