

**SB 867 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Roblan

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action Date:** 06/28/17

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

**Senate Vote**

**Yeas:** 12 - DeBoer, Devlin, Frederick, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Manning Jr, Monroe, Roblan, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Winters

**House Vote**

**Yeas:** 11 - Gomberg, Holvey, Huffman, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Smith G, Smith Warner, Stark, Whisnant, Williamson

**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). The task force must report to SWIB and the Legislature by September 15, 2018. The Association of Oregon Counties is directed to provide staff support to the task force. Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2018.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Higher education for maritime training
- Number of port jobs versus private sector maritime jobs

**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.

SB 867 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.