

SB 259 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development (Task Force) to continue the work of predecessor task force by studying and developing description of scope and extent of maritime sector and maritime sector workforce in Oregon and developing recommendations for State Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) to address maritime sector in a unified plan for statewide workforce development system. Specifies membership consisting of 17 members. Establishes internal operations procedures for members. Requires Task Force to submit report no later than September 15, 2020 to one or more interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to workforce development and to the WTDB. Sunsets Task Force on December 31, 2020. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Subsequent referral to Joint Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The State Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) exists to identify key industries and workforce skills needed, needs for education, training, work experience, and job preparation, and opportunities for partnerships with key industry sectors to ensure access to and employment advancement for all Oregonians (Chapter 245, Oregon Laws 2005). WTDB must develop and update a unified state Workforce and Talent Development Plan (Plan) every biennium and submit a report about the Plan to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly every year.

Senate Bill 259 would establish the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development (Task Force) to study the maritime sector workforce in Oregon and develop recommendations for the WTDB to address the maritime sector in a unified statewide workforce development plan.