

**HB 2181 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Economic Development**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires State Workforce and Talent Development Board to conduct study and analyze how to implement recommendations of the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development, and to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020. Repeals requirements on January 2, 2021.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the Oregon Employment Department, Oregon's maritime sector workforce totaled nearly 19,000 in 2017. This number includes civilian maritime workers, such as those working in Oregon businesses; commercial fishers in Oregon waters; commercial fishers who live in Oregon and fish in Alaska, California, or Washington; active mariners with a U.S. Coast Guard officer endorsement or rating who use an Oregon mailing address; and military service members in U.S. Coast Guard and Navy. Thirty-three of Oregon's 36 counties have maritime sector jobs.

The Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development was created in 2017 to study and develop a description of maritime sector and maritime sector workforce in Oregon and to develop recommendations for the State Workforce and Talent Development Board to incorporate consideration of the maritime sector into the statewide workforce investment system plan.

The State Workforce and Talent Development Board convenes system agencies and stakeholders, provides oversight to the workforce development system, and promotes the alignment and integration of services and resources to provide effective solutions to businesses and individuals for their workforce needs. The Board must develop and update a unified state Workforce and Talent Development Plan every biennium and submit a report on the plan to the Governor and the legislature every year.

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