

**SB 259 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Sen. Roblan**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources****Action Date:** 02/21/19**Action:** Do pass and subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Bentz, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/12, 2/21**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 a description of the scope and extent of the maritime sector and maritime sector workforce in Oregon and developing recommendations for State Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) to address the maritime sector in a unified plan for the statewide workforce development system. Specifies membership consisting of 17 members. Establishes internal operations procedures for members and directs the Association of Oregon Counties to provide staff support. 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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current and projected future maritime sector workforce data
- Delays in appointments to previous Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development (Task Force)
- Task Force work-to-date

**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. Maritime sector jobs are in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties.

The State Workforce and Talent Development Board (Board) 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). The Board 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 legislature every year.

Senate Bill 259 would establish the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development 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.