

HB 2181 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Economic Development

Action Date: 04/03/19

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-0-0

Yeas: 11 - Barreto, Bonham, Drazan, Fahey, Helm, Lively, Marsh, McKeown, McLain, Wallan, Witt

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development to continue work of predecessor task force, study and develop a description of the scope and extent of the maritime sector and maritime sector workforce in Oregon, and develop recommendations for State Workforce and Talent Development Board to address the maritime sector in a unified plan for the statewide workforce development system. Specifies membership and directs the Association of Oregon Counties to provide staff support. Requires Task Force to submit report to Legislative Assembly and Board by September 15, 2020. Requires Board to conduct a study and analyze how to implement recommendations of Task Force and predecessor task force, and to report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020 and September 15, 2022. Sunsets Task Force on December 31, 2020 and Board study on December 31, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Task Force recommendations
- Sector job impacts

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

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 into the statewide workforce investment system plan. The 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.

HB 2181 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Bill 2181-A establishes the Task Force on Maritime Sector Workforce Development to continue the work of the predecessor task force created in 2017. The measure also requires the Board to conduct a study and analyze how to implement the recommendations of the continuing and predecessor task forces, and to report to the Legislative Assembly in 2020 and 2022.