

## HB 2590 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Education

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 3/4

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Student Success for Underrepresented Students. Requires task force to visit and consult with higher education students to develop policy proposals that increase likelihood of academic success for students who are underrepresented in student bodies. Specifies membership and responsibilities of task force. Allows task force to submit proposals directly to interim legislative committees. Requires task force to submit report to Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2022. Sunsets December 31, 2023. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

Oregon law defines people who are underrepresented or diverse as people who identify as Black, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaskan Native, or whose first language is not English. According to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the share of students from these communities at public universities and community colleges has grown each year.

House Bill 2590 would charge a task force with visiting public universities and community colleges to meet with students from populations that are underrepresented in student bodies as compared to Oregon's population. These groups are specified as people who are underrepresented as defined in ORS 342.120, people who are diverse as defined in ORS 342.433, people from rural communities in Oregon, people from low-income families, and people who have physical or learning disabilities.