

HB 3139 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes program in Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to support strategic investment in workforce development programs and activities in Oregon's maritime sector in coordination with local workforce development boards, community colleges, and other workforce partners. Appropriates \$2 million General Fund to HECC.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Training for next generation of maritime workforce
- Competitiveness of Oregon maritime sector
- Cost of out-of-state workforce

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 867 (2017) created the Task Force on Maritime Workforce Development. The Task Force on Maritime Workforce Development was tasked with making recommendations to the State Workforce Investment Board to address the maritime sector in the unified plan for a statewide workforce investment system required by ORS 660.324. The Oregon Employment Department released [Oregon's Maritime Sector Workforce Report](#) in 2019. The Task Force on Maritime Workforce Development [presented its findings](#) on March 8, 2019 and submitted a [letter of recommendations](#) to Governor Kate Brown on April 20, 2019.

House Bill 2181 (2019) and Senate Bill 259 (2019) also proposed a Task Force on Maritime Workforce Development, but remained in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means upon adjournment.

House Bill 3139 establishes a program in the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to support strategic investment in maritime workforce development.