

HB 2502 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands membership of the Task Force on School Safety to include five members who represent historically disadvantaged groups. Extends sunset of Task Force from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2023. Adds additional report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 1, 2022. Takes effect 91 days after adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Specifies that additional five members represent historically, traditionally and currently disadvantaged or underrepresented groups. Revises charge of task force. Specifies task force shall examine existing and emerging: school safety issues using an all-hazards and equity driven approach; models of education and training programs for law enforcement officers, first responders, and school employees on school safety, security, and emergency management; and models for protocols for school safety, security, and emergency management and to what extent protocols are appropriate. Removes charge on database recommendations. Specifies task force should meet by phone or video conference to the extent possible but may meet in-person. Updates reporting requirement and staff support designation. Makes technical corrections.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Task Force on School Safety was established in 2014 and was charged with hiring a vendor to create a database of floor plans for all schools in the state, and examining models, protocols, and training for law enforcement officers, first responders, and school personnel on school safety and incident response. The Task Force also established the SafeOregon school safety tipline. The Task Force currently has 18 members and is set to sunset on December 31, 2021.

House Bill 2502 adds an additional five members to the Task Force who represent historically disadvantaged groups. It also extends the sunset on the Task Force to December 31, 2023, and adds an additional report to the Legislative Assembly.