

Requested by Representative ALONSO LEON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2590**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28.

2 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 31 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Student Success for Underrep-**
4 **resented Students in Higher Education is established.**

5 **“(2) The task force consists of eight members appointed as follows:**

6 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint four members from**
7 **among members of the Senate.**

8 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four**
9 **members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

10 **“(3) The task force shall visit public post-secondary institutions of**
11 **education in this state for the purpose of meeting with prospective,**
12 **current and former students from populations that are underrepre-**
13 **sented in the student bodies of these institutions, including students**
14 **who:**

15 **“(a) Qualify as an underrepresented person as defined in ORS**
16 **342.120;**

17 **“(b) Qualify as diverse as defined in ORS 342.433;**

18 **“(c) Are from rural communities in this state;**

19 **“(d) Are from low-income families;**

20 **“(e) Experience disability, including intellectual developmental dis-**
21 **abilities;**

1 **“(f) Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, two-**
2 **spirit, intersex, asexual, nonbinary or another minority gender iden-**
3 **tity or sexual orientation;**

4 **“(g) Are undocumented; and**

5 **“(h) Have been a foster child.**

6 **“(4) The task force shall meet with faculty, staff and community**
7 **partners who support underrepresented students through academic**
8 **and student service programming.**

9 **“(5) Based on conversations with the students and parties described**
10 **in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, and in consultation with**
11 **subcommittees with subject matter expertise created under subsection**
12 **(12) of this section, the task force shall develop student success policy**
13 **and funding proposals for the 2023 regular session of the Legislative**
14 **Assembly. Policy proposals developed under this section shall focus on**
15 **increasing the likelihood of student success in higher education for**
16 **students described in subsection (3) of this section by addressing:**

17 **“(a) Access, including recruitment, admissions, placement, cost of**
18 **attendance, financial aid and funding;**

19 **“(b) Retention, including student support, student services, transfer**
20 **programs, increased diversity of faculty, housing needs, food insecur-**
21 **ity, child care costs, health care costs, mental health care access and**
22 **counseling;**

23 **“(c) Graduation, including time to degree, career readiness and**
24 **student debt; and**

25 **“(d) Entry into the workforce, including internships, advanced and**
26 **continuing education, job and career placement, assessment on the**
27 **return on investment for attaining a post-secondary degree, the cor-**
28 **relation between degrees awarded and job placement and the corre-**
29 **lation between student costs for higher education and earnings after**
30 **graduation.**

1 **“(6) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a**
2 **quorum for the transaction of business.**

3 **“(7) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a**
4 **majority of the members of the task force.**

5 **“(8) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as**
6 **chairperson.**

7 **“(9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority**
8 **shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.**

9 **“(10) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the**
10 **call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the task**
11 **force.**

12 **“(11) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation**
13 **of the task force.**

14 **“(12) In addition to the tasks described in subsections (3) to (5) of**
15 **this section, the task force may:**

16 **“(a) Create one or more subcommittees of subject matter expertise**
17 **for the purpose of advising the task force on how to best fulfill its**
18 **duties. The task force may appoint any individual as a member of a**
19 **subcommittee under this section. A subcommittee member is not en-**
20 **titled to vote as a member of the task force.**

21 **“(b) Presession file legislation in the manner provided in ORS**
22 **171.130 for interim committees. All legislation recommended by official**
23 **action of the task force must indicate that it is introduced at the re-**
24 **quest of the task force.**

25 **“(13) The task force shall report its findings and any student suc-**
26 **cess policy proposals developed under this section to the Legislative**
27 **Assembly in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 no later than De-**
28 **cember 15, 2022.**

29 **“(14) The Legislative Policy and Research Director may employ**
30 **persons necessary for the performance of the functions of the task**

1 **force. The Legislative Policy and Research Director shall fix the duties**
2 **and amounts of compensation of the employees. The task force shall**
3 **use the services of continuing legislative staff, without employing ad-**
4 **ditional persons, to the greatest extent practicable.**

5 **“(15) All public bodies, as defined in ORS 174.109, are directed to**
6 **assist the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force**
7 **and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to**
8 **furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider**
9 **necessary to perform their duties.”.**

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