

Dear Maritime Workforce Task Force Members,

We wanted to let the Maritime Workforce Task Force know that the recommendations of our group were considered by the State Workforce and Talent Development Board last Friday. Since I was out-of-state, I asked Birgitta Ryslinge and Rick Williams to make the presentation.

The recommendations were to: Accept Oregon's Maritime Workforce Sector Report including the "description of the scope and extent of the maritime sector and the maritime sector workforce in Oregon. (SB 867)"; and to include the maritime sector in the statewide plan. We did not present a specific funding request.

The State Workforce and Talent Development Board voted immediately after our presentation to recognize the Maritime Workforce sector as a workforce sector in the State of Oregon and to accept Oregon's Maritime workforce Sector Report which defines the scale and scope of the sector, as prepared by the Employment Department at our request.

These outcomes and report are very significant accomplishments for our Maritime Task Force and we should be proud of these meaningful achievements.

Our next step will be to work closely with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board members (where I also am a member) and staff to advocate for funding that supports the work of this newly recognized sector.

I want to thank Birgitta and Rick for their successful representation of the work of our Task Force. In addition, I would like to thank Bob Uhlenkott and Nick Beleiciks from the Employment Department for their excellent and timely work on our behalf. Finally, I would like to thank both the legislative and citizen members of our Task Force for your work in developing the recommendations and County Solutions for supporting our group. These results are a very significant step forward for the Maritime Sector and the State of Oregon.

Thank you,

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