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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08-05

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CAMPUS SAFETY IN OREGON

Oregon's universities and community colleges are institutions that provide free and open access to instructors, administrators, students and visitors. The open nature of higher education campuses provides the foundation for a rich learning environment. In promoting such freedom and openness, it is incumbent upon the State to take all reasonable precautions to protect the safety and welfare of all persons who visit university and community college campuses.

Campus safety depends on the close cooperation and coordination of faculty, campus administrators, students, law enforcement personnel and mental health officials. It is critical to prevent or address dangerous situations before they result in tragedy. Oregon campuses must have appropriately equipped and trained emergency responders available and prepared. In addition, emergency responders and law enforcement personnel from multiple jurisdictions must have a framework of established procedures for coordination in order to ensure an effective response to any emergency.

Oregon universities and colleges and those who work to ensure their security could benefit from a broad analysis of safety and security on college campuses.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

- 1. The Governor's Task Force on Campus Safety (the "Task Force") is established.
- 2. The Task Force shall be comprised of no more than 15 members appointed by the Governor.
- 3. To improve safety, security and coordinated crisis response on Oregon university and community college campuses, the Task Force shall review and identify necessary improvements to:
 - a. Methods of notification during emergency situations;
 - b. Training of law enforcement officials and first responders to crisis situations;
 - c. Communication and collaboration among education, mental health, law enforcement, fire and emergency management agencies;

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- d. Techniques for identifying students and others who pose a risk to campus safety and procedures for sharing information about such individuals among mental health, education and law enforcement officials to the extent allowed by law and with appropriate privacy safeguards, and
- e. Treatment options for students with mental health concerns.
- 4. The Governor will appoint a chair of the Task Force. The chair shall establish an agenda for the Task Force and provide leadership and direction for the Task Force.
- 5. A quorum for Task Force meetings shall consist of a majority of the appointed members. The Task Force shall strive to operate by consensus; however, the Task Force may approve measures and make recommendations based on an affirmative vote of a majority of members appointed to the Task Force.
- 6. The Task Force shall provide a final report to the Governor's Office, the Oregon State Board of Education and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education no later than June 30, 2008.
- 7. The Office of the Governor shall staff the Task Force with assistance from the Oregon University System and the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development. If the Task Force requires assistance of any other State agency, then such agency shall provide assistance to the Task Force upon request.
- 8. The members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for their activities as members of the Task Force, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attending Task Force business pursuant to ORS 292.495(2) and subject to availability of funds.
 - 9. This Order expires on June 30, 2008.

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Done at Salem, Oregon, this 4 day of February, 2008.

Theodore R. Kulongoski GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Bill Bradbury

SECRETARY OF STATE