

HB 4141-3
(LC 229)
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4141**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas the per capita income rate in Oregon is the lowest among west
3 coast states and lags behind the national average; and

4 “Whereas the unemployment rate in Oregon continues to exceed the na-
5 tional average; and

6 “Whereas Oregon needs to attract more businesses to this state and to
7 grow businesses from within and having a skilled workforce is one of a
8 number of factors businesses consider when deciding where to locate; and

9 “Whereas Oregon, like the rest of the nation, is facing reductions in fed-
10 eral and state workforce programs; and

11 “Whereas our current workforce system and economic development initi-
12 atives could be better aligned and leveraged to deliver a workforce that
13 meets business needs for skilled workers; and

14 “Whereas Oregonians could benefit from a more highly aligned and inte-
15 grated workforce system; and

16 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly and the public need a clear and global
17 understanding of the various workforce funding streams and the deployment
18 and outcome of these investments; and

19 “Whereas Oregon has embarked on an effort to better target public in-
20 vestments in order to improve public services, narrow the state’s wage gap,
21 increase employment and end our ‘cycle of scarcity’; and

22 “Whereas the State Workforce Investment Board is currently engaged in

1 a strategic planning process to create a set of strategies to guide the entire
2 workforce system; and

3 “Whereas Oregon requires a further effort that looks at our entire
4 workforce system, breaks down silos, clarifies vision and outcomes and fo-
5 cuses on proven strategies for better results; now, therefore,”

6 Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

7 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Governor and the members of the State**
8 **Workforce Investment Board, or a subcommittee composed of mem-**
9 **bers of the board designated by the board, shall constitute an advisory**
10 **committee that may develop initiatives related to workforce develop-**
11 **ment, including potential proposed legislation that may be introduced**
12 **during the 2013 regular session of the Legislative Assembly and po-**
13 **tential federal waiver requests or other initiatives.**

14 **“(b) The advisory committee may develop potential proposed legis-**
15 **lation, potential federal waiver requests or other initiatives that:**

16 **“(A) Promote the creation of a highly skilled, high-wage workforce;**

17 **“(B) Increase the alignment of federal, state and local resources**
18 **toward implementation of the goals outlined in the State Unified**
19 **Workforce Plan developed by the State Workforce Investment Board**
20 **under ORS 660.324;**

21 **“(C) Increase alignment of federal, state and local resources to im-**
22 **plement local strategic workforce plans developed by local workforce**
23 **investment boards to support the State Unified Workforce Plan de-**
24 **veloped by the State Workforce Investment Board under ORS 660.324,**
25 **job creation, industry competitiveness, individual skill development**
26 **and movement along career pathways;**

27 **“(D) Increase accountability for achievement of common goals un-**
28 **der the state and local plans;**

29 **“(E) Increase coordination and enhance relations between insti-**
30 **tutions of higher education, community colleges and labor and ap-**

1 prenticeship programs;

2 “(F) Increase alignment between workforce development and eco-
3 nomic development initiatives;

4 “(G) Identify state and local metrics that measure progress toward
5 plan goals and establish a mechanism for tracking progress;

6 “(H) Create greater transparency of budgeting at the state and local
7 levels; and

8 “(I) Increase flexibility and responsiveness of local workforce in-
9 vestment boards.

10 “(c) In addition to developing potential proposed legislation, poten-
11 tial federal waiver requests or other initiatives related to workforce
12 development under paragraph (b) of this subsection, the advisory
13 committee shall consider the value of establishing a work-ready com-
14 munity certification program and make recommendations for imple-
15 menting the program if appropriate.

16 “(d) In developing potential proposed legislation, potential federal
17 waiver requests or other initiatives under this subsection, the advisory
18 committee shall consult with state agencies that have workforce-
19 related missions, organized labor, public and private sector post-
20 secondary education institutions, the business community, the public
21 and local workforce investment boards.

22 “(2) The advisory committee may submit recommendations for po-
23 tential proposed legislation, potential federal waiver requests or other
24 initiatives to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related
25 to workforce development no later than December 31, 2012.

26 “(3)(a) The advisory committee shall submit a report on its
27 workforce development activities to the Legislative Assembly in the
28 manner specified in ORS 192.245 no later than January 15, 2013.

29 “(b) The advisory committee shall consult with a variety of Oregon
30 businesses about potential barriers to job creation and expansion in

1 Oregon besides the lack of a skilled workforce and shall include its
2 findings in the report submitted to the Legislative Assembly under this
3 subsection.

4 “(4) Members of the advisory committee are not entitled to com-
5 pensation or reimbursement for expenses for service on the advisory
6 committee.

7 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2012 Act is repealed on the date of
8 the convening of the 2013 regular session of the Legislative Assembly
9 as specified in ORS 171.010.

10 “SECTION 3. This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
12 declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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