# The Oregon Workforce Investment Board and Report on House Bill 4141

Creating a more aligned and integrated workforce system

## Oregon Workforce Investment Board Advisory to the Governor



## **Oregon's 7 Local Workforce Investment Boards**



# The Urgent Need for Change

Trends	Implications
Skills mismatch	Closure, relocation and downsizing of Oregon companies
Lagging income	Chronically high unemployment, with
Rapidly advancing technology	people permanently dropping out of
Expanding globalization	the labor market
Demographic shifts	Decreases in the tax base
Broken workforce pipeline	Out-migration of young and talented
Need for entrepreneurial skills	Stagnant or lower wages and increased poverty

## **Oregon at Work – A Strategic Plan**

Vision: Quality Jobs – Skilled Workers -Strong State Economy - Local Prosperity

**Goal:** Oregonians have the skills they need to fill current and new high-wage, high-demand jobs. **Goal:** Employers have the skilled workers they need to remain competitive and contribute to local prosperity Goal: Aligned, integrated, efficient, effective, workforce system achieving strong outcomes for businesses and job seekers.

Three Strategies for Change Sector Strategies - Work Ready Communities -System Innovation

## **OWIB Strategic Plan- Priority #1 - Sector Strategies**

- Employer driven partnerships of industry, labor, economic development entities, education and training providers
- Remove barriers for recruitment, hiring, training and placement
- Local boards have convened processes to engage employers in the development of sector strategies in manufacturing, health care and energy
- OWIB's goal is for sector strategies to continue to be a key component of the local board strategy over the next 10 years
- Career Pathways as educational component

## OWIB Strategic Plan # 2 - Certified Work Ready Communities

A county or regional partnership certified by a third party as having a skilled and talented workforce

- Recruit, retain and expand businesses with the promise of a skilled workforce
- Document skills in reading, writing and locating information
- Return unemployed to work faster
- Provide pathways to better jobs
- Reduce barriers to employment
- Quantify workers' skills and reduce costs

## **OWIB Strategic Plan Priority #3 – System Innovation**

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Planning based on workforce programs	Planning based on community, business and job seeker/learning worker needs
Discussions about funding agencies and program silos	Discussions about investments and outcomes
Budgeting on the margins	Investing all workforce resources to achieve outcomes for all Oregonians
Debate on what to cut based on level of funding	Debate on how to get better results
Workforce Compacts:	
Tight on the "What" Loose on the "How"	

## Workforce System Outcomes

## Benchmarked to vision, goals and strategies

#### **Businesses**

- Find the skilled workers they need and retain them.
- Are satisfied with workforce services and results
- In targeted sectors experience job growth

#### Individuals

- Have the skills and abilities required by business
- See higher earnings.
- are satisfied with services and results

# System (In Development)

- Increased efficiency and greater coordination
- Return on investment

# House Bill 4141 Report

Achieving Greater Alignment, Integration, and Transparency



# Workforce Policy Advisor's Charge

- We are in a changing economy that requires new solutions
  - Engage private/public partnerships
  - Support on community based solutions
  - Clarify and increase accountability for outcomes
- There is no "new money"
- We need a dynamic, effective workforce system that uses all its resources to help
  - people get good jobs and progress along career ladders
  - companies compete grow and prosper

# HB 4141

- Promote a high skilled, high-wage workforce;
- Increase workforce resources alignment for job creation, industry competitiveness, skill development and career pathways;
- Increase accountability;
- Increase coordination among institutions of higher education, community colleges and labor and apprenticeship programs;
- Increase alignment between workforce and economic development;
- Measure progress toward goals;
- Increase **budgeting transparency**; and
- Increase the flexibility and responsiveness of local workforce investment boards.

#### Workforce

Oregon employers get the workers they need to remain competitive and support local prosperity.

A skilled and ready workforce fills newly developed and current replacement jobs.

OREGON WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

#### Education

All Oregonians graduating from high school are college and career ready.

All Oregonians who pursue education beyond high school receive a certificate or diploma and are ready to contribute.

> OREGON EDUCATION INVESTMENT BOARD

#### Economic Development

Business Oregon works to create, retain, expand and attract businesses that provide sustainable, living-wage jobs for Oregonians.

OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

In the Workforce "Circle"	Workforce/Education intersection
Community Colleges and Workforce	Department of Education
Development	- Secondary Career Technical Education /Carl
- WIA Title I-B (Youth, Adult, Dislocated	Perkins
Workers)	<b>Community Colleges and Workforce</b>
- WIA Title II (Adult Education & Literacy)	Development
- Youth Conservation Corps/State	- Post-Secondary Career Technical
Oregon Employment Department	Education/Carl Perkins
- WIA Title III (Wagner-Peyser Employment	- Apprenticeship/Related Instruction
Service)	Oregon University System
- WIA Title I (Veterans)	- Professional/Tech Programs in Targeted
- WIA Title I (Migrant Seasonal Farm Workers)	Sectors/High Demand Occupations
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) & Trade	Bureau of Labor and Industries
Readjustment Allowances/DOL	- Registered Apprenticeship
- Supplemental Employment Department	
Administration Fund (SEDAF)/State	Workforce/Economic
Department of Human Services	Development intersection
- WIA Title IV - Vocational Rehabilitation/	
Commission for the Blind	
- Older Americans Act/Title V – Senior	Oregon Business Development Traded Sectors/Industry Cluster Initiative
Community Service Employment Program	
- Temporary Assistance for Needy	
Families/JOBS	
- Food Stamp Employment Program	

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#### WORKSOURCE OREGON "Oregon's Public Workforce System"

#### 280,000 PEOPLE SERVED



### **New Governance Structure for Oregon Workforce Development**



Delivers services and is accountable to the local service delivery system for results



# Recommendation: Fully integrate and align the workforce system

- Clarify roles and expectations of the State and Local Workforce Boards - private/public partnerships for results
- Align state administrative functions —efficiencies, opportunities for integration, alignment, waivers, revise statute
- Focus WorkSource Oregon skills development and market-relevant credentials, placement into good jobs.
  - WorkSource as a tool for achieving the middle 40
- Implementation the OWIB plan
- Increase coordination among institutions of higher education, community colleges and labor and apprenticeship programs.
- Budget for workforce innovation.

# Investing in Jobs and Innovation Funding

## The Governor's Recommended Budget



# The Investment: \$10 million to..

- Scale up efforts
  - To get more Oregonians back to work in good jobs
  - Better match skills with jobs
  - Help companies grow
- Leverage Oregon's publicly funded workforce system
- Build on innovative approaches for a new economy

## **Investment: Expand Back to Work Oregon**

Two components:

- On-the-Job Training (OJT)
- Oregon National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

Track record:

- \$3.28 million legislative investment in 2011 (matched by Local Workforce Investment Boards).
- 1,390 Oregonians earned an average wage of \$14.33/hour (about \$30,000 annually) and 97% of replacement wages
- \$41.7 million earned by program participants in one year =
  \$3.8 million in additional tax revenue.

Expansion:

- Hire an additional 2,350 Oregonians in the next biennium

## Investment: From NCRC to Certified Work Ready Communities

\$1,644,093 public investment since 2011 resulted in...

- Over 900 businesses signed up to use the NCRC.
- 21,452 citizens earning an NCRC at about \$94 each. These citizens
  - Were 28 percent more likely to be employed than those without an NCRC.
  - Earned a combined total of \$9,975,180 more in wages over one year than those who did not earn an NCRC.

Expansion: 100,000 NCRCs, 4,000 business supporters and 2/3 of counties certified

## **Investment: Sector Strategies**

- Nationally recognized best practice to better align training with industry demand.
- Proven to
  - Improve wages and upward mobility for individuals in poverty
  - Support business retention and expansion
  - Better align education, workforce and economic development.
- Implementation:
  - Technical assistance to better leverage public dollars for these results

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