

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2728**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “5 and 8” and insert “3, 5, 7,
2 8, 9 and 10”.

3 After line 4, insert:

4 “Whereas there is a critical gap in skilled talent and an urgent need to
5 address talent gaps in Oregon; and

6 “Whereas Oregon’s economic competitiveness is dependent on having di-
7 verse, qualified and skilled talent to support the growth of Oregon’s business
8 and industry; and

9 “Whereas a diverse, qualified and skilled talent base is a necessary re-
10 source for the implementation of state economic, education, workforce and
11 other policy goals; and

12 “Whereas access to public education and training resources by workers
13 and employers throughout the entire state is critical to Oregon’s economic
14 prosperity; now, therefore,”.

15 Delete lines 6 through 28.

16 Delete pages 2 through 7 and insert:

17 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Talent Council is established. The**
18 **Director of the Employment Department, in consultation with the**
19 **Governor or the Governor’s designated representative, may appoint**
20 **the council members, the majority of whom must be senior executives**
21 **of traded sector and high growth industries in Oregon.**

22 **“(2) The council shall have no fewer than seven and no more than**

1 **21 members.**

2 **“(3) One representative of each of the following entities may serve**
3 **as an ex officio member of the council:**

4 **“(a) Higher Education Coordinating Commission;**

5 **“(b) State Workforce Investment Board;**

6 **“(c) Oregon Business Development Department;**

7 **“(d) Employment Department; and**

8 **“(e) STEM Investment Council.**

9 **“(4) The council shall select one of its private sector members as a**
10 **chairperson.**

11 **“(5) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum**
12 **for the transaction of business.**

13 **“(6) The council shall meet at least four times per fiscal year at a**
14 **place, day and time determined by the chairperson. The council may**
15 **also meet at other times and places specified by a call of the chair-**
16 **person or by written request of a majority of the members of the**
17 **council.**

18 **“(7) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the**
19 **council.**

20 **“(8) The council may establish committees and delegate to the**
21 **committees duties the council considers desirable.**

22 **“(9) The Employment Department, in consultation with the council,**
23 **may use up to 10 percent of the amount appropriated by the Legisla-**
24 **tive Assembly for allocation to the council to employ staff to support**
25 **the operations of the council.**

26 **“SECTION 2. (1) The Oregon Talent Council shall advise state**
27 **agencies and educational institutions on issues of talent development**
28 **to promote the growth and competitiveness of Oregon’s traded sector**
29 **and high growth industries.**

30 **“(2) The council shall work in cooperation with the Employment**

1 Department to provide industry-based information and data on talent
2 needs and gaps.

3 “(3) The council shall develop criteria and measurements that will
4 be used for determining investments made from the fund established
5 under section 4 of this 2015 Act. All investments in public and private
6 institutions shall be:

7 “(a) Contingent upon performance-based contracts with measurable
8 outcomes; and

9 “(b) Of limited duration.

10 “(4) Each biennium, the council shall develop a talent plan under
11 section 3 of this 2015 Act that the council will use to invest moneys
12 from the fund established under section 4 of this 2015 Act. The talent
13 plan and investments must:

14 “(a) Identify and prioritize the urgent talent gaps of Oregon’s
15 traded sector and high growth industries.

16 “(b) Respond to immediate talent needs by creating additional op-
17 portunities for Oregonians to pursue education and training in disci-
18 plines critical to the advancement of Oregon’s traded sector and high
19 growth industries.

20 “(c) Strengthen efforts to enhance student work experience and job
21 preparedness in high demand and critical occupations.

22 “(d) Create new means of delivering workforce training and
23 proficiency-based education that can enhance program efficiency, up-
24 grade and share resources and facilities and improve student outcomes
25 and access to typically underrepresented populations while meeting
26 talent needs of traded sector and high growth industries.

27 “(e) Increase the skills of the existing professional and technical
28 workforce, including through the issuance of certifications, badges and
29 industry-based credentials.

30 “(5) The council shall prioritize investments for which other public

1 resources and private financial resources from Oregon companies or
2 individuals are made available to augment council funds.

3 “(6) The council shall submit an annual report to the Employment
4 Department on investments made by the council and the performance
5 of those investments.

6 “(7) The Oregon Talent Council, the Oregon Business Development
7 Commission, the STEM Investment Council, state and local workforce
8 boards and the Employment Department shall develop agreements to
9 strategically align the policies and programs of the entities as they
10 relate to the duties of the Oregon Talent Council.

11 **“SECTION 3.** (1) The Oregon Talent Council shall develop a Talent
12 Development Plan. The plan must include identification of talent is-
13 sues and trends related to selected Oregon traded sector and high
14 growth industries that are in strategic alignment with state and local
15 workforce and economic priorities. The plan must include recommen-
16 dations to the State Workforce Investment Board, the STEM Invest-
17 ment Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on
18 training and education enhancements based upon the identified talent
19 issues and trends.

20 “(2) The Oregon Talent Council shall update the plan and the
21 council’s recommendations every biennium.

22 “(3) Each year, the council shall report to the Governor and the
23 Legislative Assembly about the plan.

24 **“SECTION 4.** (1) There is created within the State Treasury, sepa-
25 rate and distinct from the General Fund, the Oregon Talent Council
26 Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon Talent Council Fund shall be
27 credited to the fund.

28 “(2) Moneys in the fund shall consist of:

29 “(a) Amounts donated to the fund;

30 “(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by

1 the Legislative Assembly;

2 “(c) Investment earnings received on moneys in the fund; and

3 “(d) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source.

4 “(3) Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Em-
5 ployment Department for allocation to the Oregon Talent Council for
6 the purpose of making investments using the criteria and measure-
7 ments set forth in section 2 of this 2015 Act.

8 “(4) The department may establish accounts and subaccounts
9 within the fund when the department, in consultation with the coun-
10 cil, determines that accounts or subaccounts are necessary or desira-
11 ble and may credit any interest or income derived from moneys in the
12 fund to any account or subaccount in the fund.

13 “SECTION 5. ORS 351.663 and sections 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, chapter
14 85, Oregon Laws 2014, are repealed.

15 “SECTION 6. (1) The account established under section 5, chapter
16 85, Oregon Laws 2014, for investments in engineering education, within
17 the Oregon Education Investment Fund established under section 3,
18 chapter 519, Oregon Laws 2011, is abolished.

19 “(2) Any moneys remaining in the account on the effective date of
20 this 2015 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any
21 conditions shall be transferred to the Oregon Talent Council Fund es-
22 tablished under section 4 of this 2015 Act.

23 “SECTION 7. (1) The Engineering and Technology Industry Fund,
24 established under section 8, chapter 85, Oregon Laws 2014, for invest-
25 ments in engineering education, is abolished.

26 “(2) Any moneys remaining in the fund on the effective date of this
27 2015 Act that are unexpended, unobligated and not subject to any
28 conditions shall be transferred to the Oregon Talent Council Fund es-
29 tablished under section 4 of this 2015 Act.

30 “SECTION 8. ORS 284.711 is amended to read:

1 “284.711. (1) The Oregon Innovation Council shall provide advice to the
2 Governor, the Legislative Assembly, research institutions, public agencies
3 that provide economic development and the private sector on issues related
4 to:

5 “(a) Promoting agreements between research institutions and private in-
6 dustry that increase technology transfer and the commercialization of re-
7 search;

8 “(b) Promoting investment in specialized research facilities and signature
9 research centers where Oregon has a distinct or emerging advantage for
10 creating new products and businesses;

11 “(c) Stimulating seed and start-up capital investment and entrepreneurial
12 capacity that will promote economic growth in Oregon traded sector indus-
13 tries or Oregon growth businesses;

14 “(d) Developing the entrepreneurial and management capacity critical to
15 the competitiveness of Oregon traded sector industries or Oregon growth
16 businesses in rapidly growing global markets;

17 “(e) Enhancing the international competitiveness of Oregon traded sector
18 industries or Oregon growth businesses; and

19 “(f) Identifying workforce issues for occupations critical to the
20 competitiveness of Oregon traded sector industries or Oregon growth busi-
21 nesses, including but not limited to scientific, engineering, information
22 technology, business management and innovation-based economic develop-
23 ment occupations.

24 “[~~(2)~~ *The Oregon Innovation Council shall advise the Engineering and*
25 *Technology Industry Council established in ORS 351.663 on how to coordinate*
26 *the Engineering and Technology Industry Council’s goals and policies with the*
27 *state plan developed under ORS 284.715.]*

28 “[~~(3)~~ **(2)** The council, the Oregon Business Development Commission, the
29 State Board of Higher Education and the office of the State Treasurer shall
30 coordinate policies and programs related to the duties of the council.

1 “[4] (3) Based on the state plan developed under ORS 284.715 and subject
2 to the approval of the Oregon Business Development Department, the council
3 may distribute moneys in the Oregon Innovation Fund by grant or loan or
4 pursuant to contracts with research institutions, the private sector and
5 public entities.

6 “[5] (4) The council may assess and charge fees for making grants or
7 loans under ORS 284.742.

8 **“SECTION 9.** ORS 284.706 is amended to read:

9 “284.706. (1) There is created the Oregon Innovation Council consisting
10 of the following voting members:

11 “(a) The Governor or the Governor’s designated representative, who shall
12 be chairperson of the council.

13 “(b) Five members appointed by the Governor who are engaged in the
14 operations of Oregon traded sector industries or Oregon growth businesses.

15 “(c) One member appointed by the Governor who is a representative of
16 an Oregon-based, generally accredited, not-for-profit private institution of
17 higher education.

18 “(d) A member of the Oregon Growth Board, appointed by the board.

19 “(e) *[A member of the Engineering and Technology Industry Council, ap-*
20 *pointed by the Engineering and Technology Industry Council.]* **A private**
21 **sector member of the Oregon Talent Council.**

22 “(f) The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department.

23 “(g) The executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Com-
24 mission.

25 “(h) The State Treasurer.

26 “(2)(a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two
27 members to the council who are members of the House of Representatives.

28 “(b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two members to the council
29 who are members of the Senate.

30 “(c) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the council are

1 nonvoting members and may act in an advisory capacity only.

2 “(3) The following persons, or their representatives, shall serve as ex
3 officio, nonvoting members of the council:

4 “(a) The presiding officer of the Oregon Business Development Commis-
5 sion.

6 “(b) The chairperson of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

7 “(c) An executive officer of an association representing Oregon-based,
8 generally accredited, not-for-profit private institutions of higher education,
9 appointed by the Governor.

10 “(4) The term of office of each appointed voting member of the council is
11 three years, but an appointed member serves at the pleasure of the appoint-
12 ing authority. Before the expiration of the term of an appointed voting
13 member, the appointing authority shall appoint a successor whose term be-
14 gins on July 1 next following. An appointed member is eligible for reap-
15 pointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall
16 make an appointment to become immediately effective for the remainder of
17 the unexpired term.

18 “(5) A majority of the voting members of the council constitutes a quorum
19 for the transaction of business.

20 “(6) Official action by the council requires the approval of a majority of
21 the voting members of the council.

22 “(7) The council shall meet at least twice per fiscal year at a place, day
23 and time determined by the chairperson. The council may also meet at other
24 times and places specified by a call of the chairperson or by written request
25 of a majority of the voting members of the council.

26 “(8) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the
27 council.

28 “(9) The council may establish committees and delegate to the committees
29 duties as the council considers desirable.

30 “(10) The Oregon Business Development Department shall provide staff

1 support to the council.

2 “(11) Members of the council who are members of the Legislative Assem-
3 bly are entitled to compensation and expense reimbursement as provided in
4 ORS 171.072.

5 “(12) Members of the council who are not members of the Legislative
6 Assembly are entitled to compensation and expenses incurred by them in the
7 performance of their official duties in the manner and amounts provided for
8 in ORS 292.495. Claims for compensation and expenses of members of the
9 council who are public officers shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the
10 public agency that employs the member. Claims for compensation and ex-
11 penses of members of the council who are not public officers shall be paid
12 out of funds appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department
13 for that purpose.

14 “(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are di-
15 rected to assist the council in the performance of its duties and, to the extent
16 permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and
17 advice as the members of the council consider necessary to perform their
18 duties.

19 **“SECTION 10. There is appropriated to the Employment Depart-**
20 **ment for allocation to the Oregon Talent Council, for the biennium**
21 **beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of**
22 **\$15,000,000 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 1**
23 **to 3 of this 2015 Act.**

24 **“SECTION 11. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate**
25 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**
26 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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