

Requested by Representative WITT

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2020**

1 On page 25 of the printed bill, delete lines 31 through 33 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 35a. (1) As used in this section, ‘displaced worker’ means**  
3 **an individual whose employer closed, if the employer demonstrates**  
4 **that climate change policies in this state were at least 50 percent re-**  
5 **sponsible for the employer’s closure.**

6 **“(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consulta-**  
7 **tion with the Employment Department and other interested state**  
8 **agencies, shall establish a Just Transition Displaced Worker Program**  
9 **for the purpose of distributing moneys in the reserve account of the**  
10 **Just Transition Fund established under section 35 of this 2019 Act.**

11 **“(3) Moneys distributed through the Just Transition Displaced**  
12 **Worker Program shall:**

13 **“(a) Support economic diversification, job creation, job training and**  
14 **other employment services for displaced workers;**

15 **“(b) Support at least three job training program opportunities**  
16 **within two years for each displaced worker;**

17 **“(c) Provide a week of lost wages to each displaced worker, calcu-**  
18 **lated as the displaced worker’s weekly unemployment benefit amount**  
19 **or the displaced worker’s average weekly wages at the employer that**  
20 **closed, whichever is higher;**

21 **“(d) Provide mileage pay to a displaced worker for the displaced**

1 **worker’s travel to and from a job training program site;**

2 **“(e) Provide housing pay to a displaced worker during the course**  
3 **of a job training program, if the program site is more than 100 miles**  
4 **from the displaced worker’s residence;**

5 **“(f) Provide wage assistance to a displaced worker enrolled in an**  
6 **apprenticeship or training program under ORS 660.002 to 660.210, if the**  
7 **displaced worker demonstrates that the displaced worker’s wages were**  
8 **higher at the employer that closed than under the apprenticeship or**  
9 **training program;**

10 **“(g) Provide assistance with health insurance to a displaced worker**  
11 **and the displaced worker’s family; and**

12 **“(h) Reimburse a displaced worker for a pension or other retirement**  
13 **plan provided to the displaced worker by the employer that closed.**

14 **“(4) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section.”.**

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