

House Bill 2820

Sponsored by Representative REARDON, Senator GORSEK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job seekers residing in areas of concentrated poverty.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2021.

Sunsets January 2, 2026.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a workforce development pilot program; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 660.300 to**
5 **660.364.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program is established to provide career**
7 **coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job**
8 **seekers who reside in areas of concentrated poverty.**

9 **(2) The goals of the pilot program are to:**

10 **(a) Include at least 1,000 total participants;**

11 **(b) Ensure that 100 percent of the participants are individuals who receive:**

12 **(A) Supplemental nutrition assistance under ORS 411.806 to 411.845; or**

13 **(B) Temporary assistance for needy families under ORS 412.001 to 412.069;**

14 **(c) Ensure that individuals who are historically underserved are included;**

15 **(d) Ensure that at least 50 percent of the participants are women;**

16 **(e) Ensure that individuals who are in offender reentry programs are included;**

17 **(f) Ensure that at least 80 percent of the participants successfully complete the program;**

18 **(g) Ensure that at least 75 percent of the participants successfully obtain employment;**

19 **and**

20 **(h) Ensure that at least 75 percent of the participants who successfully obtain employ-**
21 **ment earn at least \$15 per hour.**

22 **(3) The pilot program shall be administered by local workforce development boards. The**
23 **boards shall:**

24 **(a) Coordinate with nonprofit community-based organizations and educational insti-**
25 **tutions to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services to pilot**
26 **program participants;**

27 **(b) Distribute available funds to nonprofit community-based organizations and educa-**
28 **tional institutions that provide services to pilot program participants; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Identify and conduct outreach to target sector businesses and industry organizations
2 regarding participation in the pilot program.

3 (4)(a) As used in this subsection, the “SNAP Employment and Training Program” means
4 the employment and training component of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
5 Program under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4).

6 (b) The Department of Human Services shall:

7 (A) Incorporate the pilot program into the statewide plan for the SNAP Employment and
8 Training Program;

9 (B) Seek federal reimbursement of 50 percent of the pilot program’s costs; and

10 (C) Refer individuals who receive supplemental nutrition assistance under ORS 411.806
11 to 411.845 to participate in the pilot program.

12 (5)(a) The board and the department shall establish a joint steering committee to:

13 (A) Oversee the progress of the pilot program;

14 (B) Ensure that pilot program goals are met; and

15 (C) Coordinate necessary support services, including child care, for participants of the
16 pilot program.

17 (b) The board shall provide staff support for the steering committee.

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Human Services shall compile information from each
19 local workforce development board on the progress each board is making in carrying out the
20 Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program established under section 2 of this 2021 and submit an annual
21 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to workforce develop-
22 ment no later than December 31 of each calendar year, in the manner provided in ORS
23 192.245.

24 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
25 ated to the Department of Human Services, to be distributed in consultation with the State
26 Workforce and Talent Development Board, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of
27 the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for distribution to local workforce development
28 boards for the purpose of implementing the pilot program established under section 2 of this
29 2021 Act.

30 **SECTION 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this 2021 Act are repealed on January 2, 2026.

31 **SECTION 6.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
32 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
33 July 1, 2021.

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