

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1545

Relating to Workforce Development

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative McLain

SB 1545 invests \$76.9 million General Fund and \$123.1 million ARPA funds to expand existing programs and establishes new programs to develop Oregon's workforce in order to meet the needs of Oregon's employers. These programs will be administered by HECC, BOLI, and the Department of Education, in collaboration with local workforce development boards, community-based organizations, culturally specific organizations, labor organizations, and education and training providers. Focusing on the technology, health care, and manufacturing sectors, these programs are designed to remove barriers and improve access to education and training opportunities for jobs and career advancement for Oregonians, with an emphasis on reaching priority populations. More specifically, the investments and programs are:

1. \$35 million total funds for the Prosperity 10,000 program to be administered by local workforce development boards.
2. \$2.1 total funds for the Department of Human Services to incorporate the Prosperity 10,000 program into the statewide SNAP Employment and Training Program.
3. \$14.9 million General Fund to expand the post-secondary career pathways program.
4. \$20 million total funds to expand the registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs.
5. \$10.5 million total funds to expand youth workforce and reengagement initiatives.
6. \$10 million General Fund to expand capacity for prior learning credit.
7. \$95 million total funds to establish a new Workforce Readiness Grants program.
8. \$1 million General Fund to establish a new Industry Consortia program.
9. \$10 million ARPA funds to establish a new Benefits Navigators program.
10. And finally, \$1.5 million General Fund to ensure assessment, accountability, and continuous improvement. HECC, in collaboration with the State Workforce and Talent Board, BOLI, and ODE will ensure the collection of qualitative and quantitative data to evaluate the effectiveness of these investments.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 1545 be amended by the -A13 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.