

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2294**

Sponsored by Representative GRAYBER, Senators SMITH DB, SOLLMAN; Representatives ANDERSEN, BOWMAN, DEXTER, FAHEY, GAMBA, HOLVEY, HUDSON, KROPF, MARSH, MCLAIN, NATHANSON, OSBORNE, PHAM H, REYNOLDS, RUIZ, SOSA (Presession filed.)

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AN ACT

Relating to pilot projects for firefighter apprenticeship training.

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

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

(a) “Local joint committee” has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

(b) “Local service district” has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

(2) There is created in the Apprenticeship and Training Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries a program to make grants to local service districts and local joint committees to develop and administer pilot projects that provide firefighter apprenticeship training. The bureau may award grants to provide funding for up to 10 pilot projects administered throughout this state.

(3) At a minimum, pilot projects funded by the program created under this section must:

(a) Provide on-the-job workforce training and education to prepare adults who are at least 18 years of age with the skills that are necessary to pursue a career in the fire service.

(b) Educate participants in a firefighter apprenticeship pilot project on how to mitigate fire and fire emergencies.

(c) Collaborate with associations that represent firefighters and fire service professionals and employers that provide fire protection services to identify career opportunities in the fire service.

(4) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries:

(a) May adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including rules regarding grant application procedures and criteria for grant approval.

(b) Shall prescribe by rule the requirements for a local service district or a local joint committee receiving funding under this section.

(c) May require a grant recipient to provide data and other reports to enable the bureau to monitor and evaluate the progress and success of pilot projects.

(5) Not later than December 31, 2026, the bureau shall submit a report, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to business and labor, on the effectiveness and success of pilot projects that were developed under the program established under this section. The bureau may include in the report submitted under this subsection recommendations for legislation.

**SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Bureau of Labor and Industries, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of

the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2023 Act.

**SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

**Passed by House June 13, 2023**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate June 22, 2023**

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