

House Bill 3139

Sponsored by Representatives GOMBERG, OWENS, SMITH G, MARSH

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 program within Higher Education Coordinating Commission for supporting strategic investments in maritime workforce development programs and activities.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to maritime sector workforce development.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 660.300 to**
4 **660.364.**

5 **SECTION 2. (1) There is a established a program in the Higher Education Coordinating**
6 **Commission to support strategic investments in workforce development programs and ac-**
7 **tivities in Oregon's maritime sector, in coordination with:**

8 (a) Local workforce development boards in regions with a high demand for maritime
9 workers;

10 (b) Community colleges operated under ORS chapter 341; and

11 (c) Other workforce partners that support maritime workforce development, including
12 but not limited to school districts and regional networks that support science, technology,
13 engineering and mathematics.

14 (2) At a minimum, the program shall:

15 (a) Make targeted investments in workforce development programs designed to advance
16 the growth, qualifications and availability of Oregon's maritime workforce.

17 (b) Identify and develop specific sectors within the maritime workforce to initiate new
18 workforce education and job skills programs and to increase participation in existing mari-
19 time programs.

20 (c) Promote growth and development of maritime workforce development programs in
21 school districts and community colleges by hiring faculty and staff with maritime expertise
22 to assist with curriculum selection for educational programs and the development of such
23 programs to prepare individuals for careers in the maritime sector.

24 (d) Foster industry involvement in apprenticeship programs, mentorship and other pro-
25 grams that provide training for entry into the maritime workforce.

26 (e) Support activities that prepare individuals for careers in the maritime sector, in-
27 cluding but not limited to educating, training and mentoring activities related to maritime
28 construction and engineering and mariner training.

29 (f) Conduct outreach and promote awareness about opportunities to receive maritime
30 training and education.
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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 **(3) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for the implementation and adminis-**
2 **tration of this section.**

3 **SECTION 3.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
4 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
5 **2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for carrying out the provisions of**
6 **section 2 of this 2023 Act.**

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