

# Senate Bill 119

Sponsored by 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**.

Requires Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Administrative Services and any contracting agency that uses funds from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to study use of apprentices in projects for public works and other public improvement projects. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to workforce training not later than September 15, 2024. Specifies contents of study and report.

Sunsets on January 2, 2025.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to apprenticeship utilization in public projects; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

5 (a) "Apprentice" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

6 (b) "Apprenticeable occupation" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

7 (c) "Apprenticeship training program" means the total system of apprenticeship that a  
8 particular local joint committee, as defined in ORS 660.010, operates, including the local joint  
9 committee's registered standards and all other terms and conditions for qualifying, recruit-  
10 ing, selecting, employing and training apprentices in an apprenticeable occupation.

11 (d) "Journeyworker" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

12 (e) "Training agent" has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.

13 (2) The Department of Transportation, the Oregon Department of Administrative Ser-  
14 vices and any state contracting agency that uses funds from the American Rescue Plan Act  
15 of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) in connection with a public improvement shall study the use of appren-  
16 tices in public improvement projects and public works projects in which each department or  
17 contracting agency engages or for which each department or contracting agency procures  
18 construction services from private contractors. The study must examine, at a minimum:

19 (a) The percentage rates at which each department, contracting agency and contractor  
20 from which each department and contracting agency procures construction services employ  
21 apprentices in apprenticeable occupations for work on projects for public works and other  
22 public improvement projects;

23 (b) The numbers of apprentices each department, contracting agency or contractor have  
24 employed on public works projects and public improvement projects within the previous five  
25 years;

26 (c) The crafts and trades of the apprentices employed as described in paragraph (b) of  
27 this subsection;

28 (d) The percentages of apprentices employed as described in paragraph (b) of this sub-

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1 section who are women, people of color or members of historically disadvantaged communi-  
2 ties;

3 (e) Among the contractors from which each department or contracting agency has pro-  
4 cured construction services in the previous five years in connection with public works  
5 projects or public improvement projects, the number of contractors who are training agents;  
6 and

7 (f) The rate at which apprentices employed as described in paragraph (b) of this sub-  
8 section graduate from an apprenticeship training program and attain the status of  
9 journeyworker.

10 (3) Each department or contracting agency shall report the results of the study described  
11 in subsection (2) of this section to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-  
12 lated to public procurement, transportation and workforce education and training in the  
13 manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2024. The report must include  
14 recommendations for improvements to each department's or contracting agency's use of  
15 apprentices that will align the department's or contracting agency's efforts with appren-  
16 ticeship utilization rates and apprenticeship standards in the programs of other state agen-  
17 cies that employ apprentices in public works projects and public improvement projects.

18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

19 SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023  
20 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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