SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1143

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

April 14

1   On page 2 of the printed bill, after line 35, insert:

2   "**SECTION 2.** **(1) As used in this section:**

3   "**(a) 'Apprentice,' 'apprenticeable occupation' and 'training agent' have the meanings**

4   **given those terms in ORS 660.010.**

5   "**(b) 'Covered project' means:**

6   "**(A) A project that facilitates the construction, repair or maintenance of the develop-**

7   **ment of a thermal energy network; or**

8   "**(B) A thermal energy network pilot project.**

9   "**(c) 'Journeyworker' has the meaning given that term in ORS 660.010.**

10 "**(d) 'Natural gas company' means a public utility, as defined in ORS 757.005, that pro-**

11 **vides natural gas services to customers.**

12 "**(e) 'Registered apprenticeship training program' means a program, as defined in ORS**

13 **660.010.**

14 "**(f) 'Thermal energy network' means a network of pipes and heat pumps that uses**

15 **noncombustible fluids within the network to distribute thermal energy between and among**

16 **ground, air and surface water sources and buildings connected to the network.**

17 "**(g) 'Thermal energy network pilot project' means a thermal energy network pilot project**

18 **developed under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

19 "**(2) A natural gas company that operates a covered project shall require each contractor**

20 **with which the natural gas company has entered into a contract for the performance of work**

21 **on the covered project to:**

22 "**(a) Ensure that the following percentages of journeyworkers who are employed to per-**

23 **form work on the covered project have completed a registered apprenticeship training pro-**

24 **gram:**

25 "**(A) For a covered project initiated between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026, at**

26 **least 30 percent.**

27 "**(B) For a covered project initiated between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027, at**

28 **least 45 percent.**

29 "**(C) For a covered project initiated on or after January 1, 2028, at least 60 percent.**

30 "**(b) Participate as a training agent in an apprenticeship program registered with the**

31 **State Apprenticeship and Training Council to provide on-the-job training opportunities for**

32 **apprentices in apprenticeable occupations to perform work on the project.**

33 "**(c) Pay wages to the journeyworkers and apprentices who perform work on the covered**

34 **project at a rate that is no less than the prevailing rate of wage that the Commissioner of**

35 **the Bureau of Labor and Industries determines under ORS 279C.815 for the trade or occu-**

1 pation in the locality where the work is performed.

2 "(d) Ensure all journeyworkers have completed at least 30 hours of occupational safety

3 and health training before commencing work on the covered project and every two years

4 thereafter for the duration of the project.

5 "(e) Document and submit quarterly reports to the natural gas company demonstrating

6 proof of compliance with the requirements described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this sub-

7 section.

8 "(3)(a) A natural gas company shall keep and maintain records necessary to demonstrate

9 compliance with the requirements in this section. A natural gas company must provide re-

10 cords kept and maintained under this section to the Bureau of Labor and Industries upon

11 request.

12 "(b) A natural gas company shall compile any proof of compliance submitted by con-

13 tractors under this section with respect to the work performed on a covered project during

14 each calendar year and submit an annual report to the Bureau of Labor and Industries no

15 later than February 1 of the following year.

16 "**SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

17 "**SECTION 4.** Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to contracts for the performance of work

18 on a covered project entered into, renewed or extended on or after January 1, 2026.".

19 In line 36, delete the first "2" and insert "5".

20 In line 37, delete "3" and insert "6".

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