

Requested by Representative HUDSON

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 3029**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 7 through 21 and delete pages  
2 2 through 23 and insert:

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4 **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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6 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2025 Act is added to and made a part**  
7 **of ORS 660.300 to 660.420.**

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

9 **“(a) ‘Local industry sector partnership’ means a collaboration be-**  
10 **tween local businesses and regional workforce partners that is reflec-**  
11 **tive of local key industries facing critical workforce shortages or**  
12 **increased strategic workforce opportunities.**

13 **“(b) ‘Regional workforce partners’ includes community-based or-**  
14 **ganizations, educational institutions, labor organizations, economic**  
15 **development agencies, local governments, trade organizations and**  
16 **other workforce service providers.**

17 **“(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall, in con-**  
18 **sultation with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board,**  
19 **develop a program to award grants to local workforce development**  
20 **boards to convene local industry sector partnerships to assist in car-**  
21 **rying out the activities described under this section.**

1       **“(3) Program grant proceeds may be used solely to:**

2       **“(a) Align workforce development activities that aim to increase**  
3 **participation in workforce programs by individuals from priority pop-**  
4 **ulations in a manner that is consistent with and responsive to critical**  
5 **workforce shortages and strategic workforce opportunities;**

6       **“(b) Develop structured processes to address mutual workforce de-**  
7 **velopment goals and promote consensus in decision-making;**

8       **“(c) Identify industry-specific workforce needs in local workforce**  
9 **development areas, including the need for high-value credentials, to**  
10 **inform the development and implementation of culturally and lin-**  
11 **guistically diverse workforce education and training curricula;**

12       **“(d) Develop targeted recruitment strategies to increase equitable**  
13 **participation by individuals from priority populations in local**  
14 **workforce programs; and**

15       **“(e) Promote workforce development programs and activities in**  
16 **targeted industry sectors.**

17       **“(4) Grant proceeds shall be distributed according to a formula de-**  
18 **termined by the commission by rule.**

19       **“(5) In convening local industry sector partnerships under this sec-**  
20 **tion, local workforce development boards shall:**

21       **“(a) Consider alignment of workforce development programs among**  
22 **statewide targeted key industries to address critical workforce short-**  
23 **ages and strategic workforce opportunities.**

24       **“(b) Ensure that each partnership represents a single targeted in-**  
25 **dustry sector.**

26       **“(c) Demonstrate how the local industry sector partnership com-**  
27 **plements the workforce development goals of local workforce partners**  
28 **and is consistent with a local plan described in ORS 660.327.**

29       **“(6) The commission may adopt any rules necessary to carry out the**  
30 **provisions of this section.**

1       **“SECTION 3.** ORS 660.300 is amended to read:

2       “660.300. As used in ORS 660.300 to 660.420:

3       “(1) ‘Chief elected official’ means a county commissioner, a county judge  
4 or the mayor of the City of Portland.

5       **“(2) ‘Critical workforce shortage’ means a current or projected**  
6 **shortage of workers within an occupation or industry considered to**  
7 **be critical to the well-being of the communities and economy of**  
8 **Oregon.**

9       “[(2)] (3) ‘Federal Act’ or ‘federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
10 Act’ means the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
11 3101 et seq.).

12       “[(3)] (4) ‘Local workforce development area’ means the City of Portland  
13 or a county when the city or county has been designated as a local workforce  
14 development area under ORS 660.324. ‘Local workforce development area’  
15 may include two or more counties that have joined together to form a local  
16 workforce development area and that have been designated as a local  
17 workforce development area under ORS 660.324.

18       “[(4)] (5) ‘Local workforce development board’ means a board established  
19 pursuant to section 3122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportu-  
20 nity Act.

21       “[(5)] (6) ‘Maritime sector’ includes but is not limited to:

22       “(a) Enterprises engaged in the design, construction, manufacture, acqui-  
23 sition, operation, supply, repair or maintenance of marine vessels or compo-  
24 nent parts of marine vessels;

25       “(b) Enterprises engaged in managing or operating shipping lines;

26       “(c) Customs brokerage services, shipyards, shipping and freight forward-  
27 ing services, dry docks, marine railways and marine repair shops;

28       “(d) Enterprises engaged in commercial or recreational fishing;

29       “(e) Enterprises and academic institutions engaged in scientific research  
30 of ocean processes, marine life or other ocean resources; and

1 “(f) Enterprises engaged in marine tours or travel, water sports or other  
2 marine leisure activities.

3 “[6] (7) ‘Participant’ means a person receiving services under the federal  
4 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.).

5 “[7] (8) ‘Participant records’ means records relating to matters such as  
6 grades, conduct, personal and academic evaluations, results of psychometric  
7 testing, counseling, disciplinary actions, if any, and other personal matters.

8 “[8] (9) ‘Priority populations’ means:

9 “(a) Communities of color;

10 “(b) Women;

11 “(c) Low-income communities;

12 “(d) Rural and frontier communities;

13 “(e) Veterans;

14 “(f) Persons with disabilities;

15 “(g) Incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals;

16 “(h) Members of Oregon’s nine federally recognized Indian tribes;

17 “(i) Individuals who disproportionately experience discrimination in em-  
18 ployment on the basis of age; *[and]*

19 “(j) Individuals who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community[.];

20 **and**

21 **“(k) Individuals who are from immigrant and refugee communities.**

22 “[9] (10) ‘State workforce agencies’ means state agencies that administer  
23 workforce programs.

24 **“(11) ‘Strategic workforce opportunity’ means an opportunity to:**

25 **“(a) Grow, strengthen and diversify workforce participation in a  
26 particular industry;**

27 **“(b) Advance the overall economic mobility and well-being of  
28 Oregonians; and**

29 **“(c) Respond to a workforce development investment or initiative  
30 undertaken for the purpose of achieving significant economic and**

1 **community gains in Oregon.**

2 “[10] (12) ‘Workforce development’ means services designed to help in-  
3 dividuals attain employment and progress along career pathways and to help  
4 businesses better achieve business goals by more easily finding skilled em-  
5 ployees. ‘Workforce development’ includes:

6 “(a) Education and training services;

7 “(b) Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship training programs registered  
8 with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council;

9 “(c) Labor market analysis;

10 “(d) Employment and reemployment services;

11 “(e) Employee recruitment and retention services; and

12 “(f) Convening, coordinating, oversight and evaluation services for busi-  
13 ness and state workforce agencies.

14 “[11] (13) ‘Workforce programs’ means programs that have a primary  
15 mission of helping individuals become employed, retain employment, increase  
16 wages and progress along career pathways and that are responsible for out-  
17 comes related to the primary mission.

18 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 660.324 is amended to read:

19 “660.324. (1) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall  
20 identify:

21 “(a) Key industries in this state and the workforce skills needed for key  
22 industries to grow and thrive;

23 “(b) In collaboration with workforce representatives, needs for education,  
24 training, work experience, and job preparation to ensure Oregonians access  
25 to stable high-wage jobs and employment advancement; [*and*]

26 “(c) Opportunities for partnerships with key industry sectors to coordi-  
27 nate workforce development, economic development and education in re-  
28 sponse to industry and workforce needs[.]; **and**

29 **“(d) Critical workforce shortages and strategic workforce opportu-  
30 nities based on criteria established by the board.**

1       “(2) The board shall assist the Governor in:  
2       “(a) Developing Oregon’s workforce development system;  
3       “(b) Ensuring timely consultation and collaboration with chief elected  
4 officials, local workforce development boards and other workforce  
5 stakeholders, including but not limited to business and labor organizations  
6 and organizations working with persons with disabilities, persons living at  
7 or below 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and the chronically  
8 unemployed and underemployed;  
9       “(c) Reviewing and approving local workforce plans;  
10       “(d) Developing, as required by the federal Act, allocation formulas for  
11 the distribution of funds to local workforce development areas for adult em-  
12 ployment and training activities and for youth activities that are developed  
13 by the local workforce development boards;  
14       “(e) Working with local workforce development boards to increase effi-  
15 ciencies and align workforce programs and services with local needs;  
16       “(f) Recommending the duties and responsibilities of state agencies to  
17 implement the federal Act, to avoid conflicts of interest and to capitalize on  
18 the experience developed by workforce partners that are efficient and effec-  
19 tive at meeting the requirements of the federal Act;  
20       “(g) Participating in the development of a coordinated statewide system  
21 of activities and services that includes both mandatory and optional partners  
22 of the one-stop delivery system, as provided in the federal Act;  
23       “(h) Providing for the development, accountability and continuous im-  
24 provement of comprehensive workforce performance measures to assess the  
25 effectiveness of the workforce development activities in this state;  
26       “(i) Developing a statewide employment statistics system, as described in  
27 section 15(e) of the Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49L-2(e)); and  
28       “(j) Preparing an annual report and submitting it to the United States  
29 Department of Labor.  
30       “(3) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board, in partnership

1 with the Governor, shall establish criteria for use by chief elected officials  
2 in appointing members to local workforce development boards in accordance  
3 with the requirements of section 3122 of the federal Workforce Innovation  
4 and Opportunity Act. The State Workforce and Talent Development Board  
5 shall establish the following requirements:

6 “(a) To transact business at a meeting of a local workforce development  
7 board, a quorum of members must participate. A quorum shall consist of a  
8 majority of the members. At least 25 percent of the members participating  
9 must be representatives of business.

10 “(b) When appropriate and upon a request from the chief elected official  
11 of a county or the City of Portland, the State Workforce and Talent Devel-  
12 opment Board shall consider the county or the City of Portland to be a  
13 candidate for designation as a local workforce development area. The board  
14 shall consult with the county or the City of Portland before designating the  
15 county or the City of Portland as a local workforce development area. After  
16 considering the criteria in section 3121 of the federal Act for designating  
17 local workforce development areas, chief elected officials may submit a re-  
18 quest to the board to combine their units of government into a local  
19 workforce development area. The board shall make recommendations to the  
20 Governor about the designation of local workforce development areas. Only  
21 the Governor may designate local workforce development areas. The Gover-  
22 nor must show just cause for not designating a requested local workforce  
23 development area. A county or the City of Portland may submit an appeal  
24 to the board, as provided in section 3121 of the federal Act, if the Governor  
25 does not grant the county’s or the city’s request to designate a local  
26 workforce development area.

27 “(4) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall provide  
28 guidance and direction to local workforce development boards in the devel-  
29 opment of local workforce plans. The State Workforce and Talent Develop-  
30 ment Board shall adopt policies that:

1 “(a) Require each local workforce development board, in partnership with  
2 its chief elected officials and in accordance with section 3123 of the federal  
3 Act, to develop and submit to the Governor and the State Workforce and  
4 Talent Development Board a strategic local workforce plan that includes, but  
5 is not limited to, performance goals; and

6 “(b) Permit each local workforce development board, in consultation with  
7 its chief elected officials:

8 “(A) To determine, consistent with the requirements of the federal Act,  
9 the appropriate level of services based on the workforce needs in the local  
10 workforce development area; and

11 “(B) To designate or certify one-stop operators and to terminate for cause  
12 the eligibility of such operators.

13 “(5) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board may charter and  
14 enter into performance compacts with local workforce development boards.

15 “(6) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall:

16 “(a) Function as the primary advisory committee to the Employment De-  
17 partment in conjunction with the Employment Department Advisory Council  
18 established under ORS 657.695;

19 “(b) Collaborate with other advisory bodies also tasked with workforce  
20 development, including but not limited to the Oregon State Rehabilitation  
21 Council, the Commission for the Blind, the State Apprenticeship and Train-  
22 ing Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

23 “(c) Work with the Oregon Business Development Commission to identify  
24 areas of common interest to efficiently align resources, recommend common  
25 strategies and provide accountability for reaching statewide goals; *[and]*

26 “(d) Hold state workforce agencies and local workforce development  
27 boards accountable for meeting performance goals and system outcomes[.];

28 **and**

29 **“(e) Collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Depart-**  
30 **ment, the Employment Department, local workforce development**

1 **boards and other partners from training or workforce development**  
2 **entities in this state to establish criteria for identifying critical**  
3 **workforce shortages and strategic workforce opportunities.**

4 “(7) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall convene,  
5 engage and coordinate with senior executives of identified key industries in  
6 this state, the Oregon Business Development Commission, the Higher Edu-  
7 cation Coordinating Commission, the Department of Education, the Bureau  
8 of Labor and Industries, the STEM Investment Council, local workforce de-  
9 velopment boards, the Employment Department, the Department of Human  
10 Services, the Commission for the Blind, the Youth Development Council and  
11 any other partners from training or workforce development entities in this  
12 state to:

13 “(a) Determine needs across identified key industries in this state, in-  
14 cluding challenges and opportunities in developing and growing relevant  
15 talent pipelines;

16 “(b) Ensure that the talent pipeline development infrastructure includes:

17 “(A) A listening process to collect workforce needs of employers from  
18 identified key industries in this state;

19 “(B) Curriculum alignment for high-demand occupation skill needs;

20 “(C) Prediction and monitoring of national trends relating to high-demand  
21 industries and occupations;

22 “(D) Occupation-aligned education and training options with a clearly  
23 articulated progression;

24 “(E) Skills assessments; and

25 “(F) Academic career counseling;

26 “(c) Utilize sector partnerships to:

27 “(A) Advise the development of career pathway programs for critical oc-  
28 cupations in identified key industries in this state; and

29 “(B) Ensure the coordination of education, economic development, busi-  
30 ness and workforce initiatives between key partners to develop a strong tal-

1 ent pipeline;

2 “(d) Leverage and optimize existing measures and data systems to improve  
3 systems alignment and interagency communication; and

4 “(e) Ensure state alignment and coordination between industry sector  
5 partnerships and initiatives in the local workforce development areas.

6 “(8) **The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall, in  
7 consultation with local workforce development boards and relevant  
8 state agencies, establish a definition for the term ‘public workforce  
9 system.’**

10 “[~~(8)(a)~~] **(9)(a)** Every biennium, the State Workforce and Talent Develop-  
11 ment Board shall coordinate and collaborate with entities listed under sub-  
12 section (7) of this section to create a single, unified state Workforce and  
13 Talent Development Plan.

14 “(b) The Workforce and Talent Development Plan must include:

15 “(A) A strategy, with quantitative goals, for the statewide workforce de-  
16 velopment system for the State of Oregon in accordance with section 3111  
17 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

18 “(B) Quantifiable goals designed to promote Oregonians’ self-sufficiency  
19 and that will empower Oregonians to gain independence from public assist-  
20 ance and move up the socioeconomic ladder;

21 “(C) Expectations for performance and the priorities for delivery of ser-  
22 vices to local workforce development boards and state workforce agencies;

23 “(D) Industry-based information and data from the Employment Depart-  
24 ment and other agencies and entities listed in subsection (7) of this section  
25 related to talent needs and gaps;

26 “(E) Analysis of data regarding the skills required for identified key in-  
27 dustry jobs;

28 “(F) Information regarding the status of career pathway programs tar-  
29 geted at identified key industries in this state;

30 “(G) Recommendations related to advancing talent pipeline and career

1 pathways development based on the identified talent issues and trends;

2 “(H) Recommendations regarding the alignment and consistency of data  
3 nomenclature, collection practices and data sharing;

4 “(I) Utilization and, as appropriate, expansion of existing data-sharing  
5 agreements between agencies and partners;

6 “(J) Identification of talent issues and trends related to identified key  
7 industries in this state that are in strategic alignment with state and local  
8 workforce and economic priorities;

9 “(K) Identification and prioritization of the urgent talent gaps of identi-  
10 fied key industries in this state;

11 “(L) A response to immediate talent needs through the creation of addi-  
12 tional opportunities for Oregonians to pursue education and training in dis-  
13 ciplines critical to the advancement of identified key industries in this state;

14 “(M) Ways to strengthen efforts to enhance student work experience and  
15 job preparedness in high-demand and critical occupations;

16 “(N) New means of delivering workforce training and proficiency-based  
17 education to enhance program efficiency, upgrading and sharing resources  
18 and facilities and improving student outcomes and access to typically  
19 underrepresented populations while meeting talent needs of traded sector and  
20 high growth industries; and

21 “(O) Ways to increase the skills of the existing professional and technical  
22 workforce, including the issuance of certifications, badges and industry-based  
23 credentials.

24 “(c) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall:

25 “(A) Update the plan every biennium; and

26 “(B) Submit a report about the plan every year to:

27 “(i) The Governor; and

28 “(ii) The Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

29 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 660.327 is amended to read:

30 “660.327. In accordance with section 3122 of the federal Act, each local

1 workforce development board shall:

2 “(1) Consistent with section 3123 of the federal Act, in partnership with  
3 the chief elected official for the local area involved, develop and submit a  
4 local plan to the Governor. The local plan must:

5 “(a) Be developed by the local workforce development board with local  
6 workforce partners;

7 “(b) **Identify critical workforce shortages and strategic workforce**  
8 **opportunities in local key industries, based on criteria established by**  
9 **the State Workforce and Talent Development Board;**

10 “[b] (c) Identify strategies and outcomes that the local workforce de-  
11 velopment board will implement in the local workforce development area  
12 **that are consistent with and responsive to critical workforce shortages**  
13 **and strategic workforce opportunities as identified by the local**  
14 **workforce development board under this section and the State**  
15 **Workforce and Talent Development Board under ORS 660.324;**

16 “(d) **Address how the local plan aligns with the goals of youth**  
17 **workforce development programs, including:**

18 “(A) **Projects selected under ORS 418.650 to 418.663.**

19 “(B) **Programs administered by the Higher Education Coordinating**  
20 **Commission, including but not limited to:**

21 “(i) **The Oregon Youth Employment Program created under ORS**  
22 **660.353; and**

23 “(ii) **The Oregon Conservation Corps Program established under**  
24 **ORS 476.694.**

25 “[c] (e) Make all parties to the local plan accountable for carrying out  
26 the strategies and achieving the outcomes identified in the local plan; and

27 “[d] (f) Be submitted to and approved by the State Workforce and Talent  
28 Development Board.

29 “(2) Consistent with section 3151(d) of the federal Act, with the agreement  
30 of the chief elected official, designate or certify one-stop operators as de-

1 scribed in section 3151(d)(2)(A) of the federal Act and may terminate for  
2 cause the eligibility of such operators.

3 “(3) Consistent with section 3153 of the federal Act, identify eligible pro-  
4 viders of youth activities in the local area and award grants or contracts on  
5 a competitive basis to those providers, based on recommendations of a youth  
6 council.

7 “(4) Consistent with section 3152 of the federal Act, identify eligible pro-  
8 viders of training services described in section 3174(d)(4) of the federal Act.

9 “(5) Subject to the approval of the chief elected official, develop a budget  
10 for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the local workforce development  
11 board under section 3122 of the federal Act.

12 “(6) In partnership with the chief elected official, provide oversight of  
13 local programs of youth activities authorized under section 3164 of the fed-  
14 eral Act, local employment and training activities authorized under section  
15 3174 of the federal Act and the one-stop delivery system in the local area.

16 “(7) With the chief elected official and the Governor, negotiate and reach  
17 agreement on local performance measures as described in section 3141(c) of  
18 the federal Act.

19 “(8) Coordinate the workforce development activities authorized under the  
20 federal Act and carried out in the local area with economic development  
21 strategies and develop other employer linkages with such activities.

22 “(9) Promote the participation of private sector employers in the state-  
23 wide workforce development system and ensure the effective provision,  
24 through the system, of connecting, brokering and coaching activities,  
25 through intermediaries such as the one-stop operator in the local area or  
26 through other organizations, to assist such employers in meeting hiring  
27 needs.

28 “**SECTION 6.** ORS 660.380 is amended to read:

29 “660.380. (1) The Prosperity [*10,000*] Program is established in the Higher  
30 Education Coordinating Commission. **From funds appropriated to the**

1 **commission for the program, the commission shall award grants to**  
2 **local workforce development boards to administer the program** for the  
3 following purposes:

4 “(a) To provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement  
5 services;

6 “(b) To provide wraparound supports and services that are necessary to  
7 facilitate reengagement in the workforce, including, but not limited to,  
8 transportation, child care and rental assistance;

9 “(c) To provide paid work experiences, including stipends and wages and  
10 other income supports for individuals from priority populations; and

11 “(d) To support targeted recruitment and engagement efforts.

12 “(2) The goals of the Prosperity [10,000] Program are to:

13 “[a] *Include at least 10,000 total individuals who participate in the pro-*  
14 *gram;*]

15 “[b] **(a)** Improve the capacity and responsiveness of the public workforce  
16 system in this state by providing assistance for workforce development pro-  
17 gram navigation, expanding access to community-based career counseling and  
18 wraparound supports and services, and providing opportunities to earn  
19 industry-recognized certificates, credentials and degrees through work-based  
20 learning experiences;

21 “[c] **(b)** Ensure that services and benefits available through workforce  
22 programs are provided to individuals from priority populations;

23 “[d] **(c)** Provide increased access for priority populations to services and  
24 benefits available through workforce programs;

25 “[e] **(d)** Ensure that at least 50 percent of the individuals who partic-  
26 ipate in the program are women;

27 “[f] **(e)** Ensure that at least 80 percent of the individuals who participate  
28 successfully complete the program;

29 “[g] **(f)** Ensure that at least 75 percent of the individuals who partic-  
30 ipate in the program successfully obtain employment; and

1       “[(h)] (g) Ensure that at least 75 percent of the individuals who partic-  
2 ipate in the program earn at least \$17 per hour.

3       “(3)(a) [*The Prosperity 10,000 Program shall be administered by local*  
4 *workforce development boards.*] **In administering the Prosperity Program,**  
5 the local workforce development boards shall:

6       “(A) Distribute resources and available funds to nonprofit community-  
7 based organizations, educational institutions, labor organizations and other  
8 workforce service providers to facilitate the provision of workforce develop-  
9 ment services and wraparound supports to individuals who participate in the  
10 program;

11       “(B) Coordinate with state workforce agencies and other workforce part-  
12 ners to expand regional community-based partnerships that work to support  
13 and sustain workforce development services and wraparound supports; [*and*]

14       “(C) Connect with businesses and organizations in targeted industry sec-  
15 tors to identify training needs and ensure that business needs relating to a  
16 skilled workforce are met[.]; **and**

17       **“(D) Pursue and advance local workforce development strategies**  
18 **that are consistent with and responsive to critical workforce shortages**  
19 **and strategic workforce opportunities as identified by local workforce**  
20 **development boards under ORS 660.327.**

21       **“(b) In distributing funds and resources to the entities described**  
22 **under paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, local workforce develop-**  
23 **ment boards shall consider:**

24       **“(A) How the entity intends to engage with employers in targeted**  
25 **industry sectors to provide workforce development opportunities to**  
26 **individuals from priority populations;**

27       **“(B) The entity’s experience serving individuals from priority pop-**  
28 **ulations;**

29       **“(C) How the entity intends to collaborate with one or more of the**  
30 **following to increase accessibility for priority populations to workforce**

1 **programs and opportunities:**  
2 **“(i) Workforce service providers, as defined in ORS 660.400;**  
3 **“(ii) Community-based organizations, as defined in ORS 660.390;**  
4 **“(iii) Kindergarten through grade 12 schools;**  
5 **“(iv) Community colleges;**  
6 **“(v) Education and training partners;**  
7 **“(vi) Local workforce development boards;**  
8 **“(vii) Economic development organizations;**  
9 **“(viii) Industry associations;**  
10 **“(ix) Universities, as defined in ORS 660.350; and**  
11 **“(x) Private post-secondary institutions that meet the criteria set**  
12 **forth in ORS 348.597 (2)(a).**  
13 **“(D) How an entity described under subparagraph (C) of this para-**  
14 **graph with which the entity intends to partner possesses specific**  
15 **qualifications, including the organizational and technical capacity**  
16 **necessary to carry out the purposes described under subsection (1) of**  
17 **this section; and**  
18 **“(E) Prioritize opportunities to leverage the use of other funding**  
19 **sources, including federal funds and private sector contributions, to-**  
20 **ward workforce programs and opportunities.**  
21 **“[(b)] (c) An entity that collaborates with a local workforce development**  
22 **board to accomplish the workforce development activities described under**  
23 **this subsection shall, in accordance with ORS 660.327, participate with local**  
24 **workforce development boards in developing a proposed local plan.**  
25 **“(4)(a) If an entity receives funds distributed from a local workforce de-**  
26 **velopment board under this section and provides paid work experience to**  
27 **individuals who participate in the program established under this section,**  
28 **the entity shall:**  
29 **“(A) Notwithstanding ORS 653.025 and subsection [(2)(h)] (2)(g) of this**  
30 **section, pay wages to individuals participating in the program at a rate that**

1 is:

2 “(i) Equivalent to an entry-level training wage as determined by the en-  
3 tity pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

4 “(ii) In alignment with the wage progression schedule established by the  
5 entity under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;

6 “(B) Establish a wage progression schedule that includes the step  
7 progression requirements and the rate calculation formula upon which the  
8 entity shall make determinations about a participating individual’s eligibility  
9 to increase the individual’s wage rate from an entry-level training wage to  
10 a wage rate that is equivalent to the average area wage standard for an  
11 hour’s work in the same trade or occupation in the locality where the labor  
12 is performed;

13 “(C) Develop a training plan for individuals participating in the program  
14 that includes, at a minimum:

15 “(i) The entry-level training wage that will be paid to the individual;

16 “(ii) A statement that the individual shall be paid according to the wage  
17 progression schedule established by the entity, along with a description of  
18 the requirements that the individual must meet in order to progress to a  
19 higher wage rate under the wage progression schedule;

20 “(iii) A statement that the entry-level training wage paid to the individual  
21 may not be less than the federal minimum wage rate or the applicable state  
22 minimum wage rate, whichever is greater; and

23 “(iv) A statement explaining that the entry-level training wage paid to the  
24 individual is a minimum standard and that a higher wage rate shall be paid  
25 to the individual if so required under other applicable federal or state laws,  
26 regulations or a collective bargaining agreement; and

27 “(D) Provide each individual participating in the program with a copy of  
28 the training plan described in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph on the date  
29 on which the individual first begins participating in the program.

30 “(b) For purposes of paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, the entry-level

1 training wage shall be a percentage amount of the average area wage  
2 standard for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality  
3 where the labor is performed, but in no event may the entry-level training  
4 wage be less than the applicable state minimum wage rate under ORS  
5 653.025.

6 “(c) Each individual who performs work for an entity described in this  
7 subsection shall be considered an employee of the entity for purposes of state  
8 wage and hour laws and state laws prohibiting employment discrimination  
9 and retaliation.

10 “(5)(a) As used in this subsection, ‘SNAP Employment and Training Pro-  
11 gram’ means the employment and training component of the federal Supple-  
12 mental Nutrition Assistance Program under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4).

13 “(b) To the extent possible, the Department of Human Services shall:

14 “(A) Incorporate the Prosperity [10,000] Program into the statewide plan  
15 for the SNAP Employment and Training Program;

16 “(B) Seek federal reimbursement for 50 percent of the Prosperity [10,000]  
17 Program's costs and for other eligible activities as reported by the local  
18 workforce development boards;

19 “(C) Refer individuals who receive supplemental nutrition assistance un-  
20 der ORS 411.806 to 411.845 to participate in the Prosperity [10,000] Program;  
21 and

22 “(D) Distribute moneys received as reimbursement under subparagraph (B)  
23 of this paragraph to local workforce development boards, not later than 60  
24 days after the department receives an invoice that is consistent with re-  
25 quirements under the SNAP Employment and Training Program, for rein-  
26 vestment in workforce development and wraparound supports and services  
27 provided under the Prosperity [10,000] Program.

28 “(6) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board, in consultation  
29 with the Committee for Continuous Improvement, shall:

30 “(a) Oversee the progress of the Prosperity [10,000] Program;

1 “(b) Ensure that program goals are met; and

2 “(c) Identify areas for program improvement.

3 **“SECTION 7.** ORS 660.385 is amended to read:

4 “660.385. [(1)(a) *Not later than 60 days following March 17, 2022, the*  
5 *Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall distribute the funds specif-*  
6 *ically appropriated to the commission under section 13, chapter 28, Oregon*  
7 *Laws 2022, to local workforce development boards to administer the Prosperity*  
8 *10,000 Program.*]

9 “[*(b)*] (1) The **Higher Education Coordinating** Commission shall dis-  
10 tribute all moneys received from moneys made available [*under sections 13*  
11 *and 14, chapter 28, Oregon Laws 2022*] **by the Legislative Assembly for the**  
12 **Prosperity Program established under ORS 660.380**, to local workforce  
13 development boards using the same formula as required under the federal  
14 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.) for the  
15 allocation of funds to local workforce development boards.

16 “(2) Each local workforce development board shall compile data on the  
17 progress made toward carrying out the Prosperity [*10,000*] Program. The  
18 boards shall prepare and submit a joint report that includes data, disaggre-  
19 gated by race, gender and geography, to the commission and the State  
20 Workforce and Talent Development Board no later than October 31 of each  
21 year, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245.

22 **“SECTION 8.** ORS 660.400 is amended to read:

23 “660.400. (1) As used in this section:

24 “(a) ‘Community-based organization’ has the meaning given that term in  
25 ORS 660.390.

26 “(b) ‘Community college’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 341.005.

27 “(c) ‘Workforce service provider’ includes:

28 “(A) Nonprofit and public workforce education, training and career ser-  
29 vices providers.

30 “(B) Governmental entities that are providers of workforce development

1 services.

2 “(2) There is established in the Higher Education Coordinating Commis-  
3 sion a program to award grants to workforce service providers and  
4 community-based organizations that:

5 “(a) Administer workforce programs in the health care, manufacturing  
6 and technology industry sectors **and other key sectors that are consistent**  
7 **with and responsive to critical workforce shortages and strategic**  
8 **workforce opportunities as identified by the State Workforce and Tal-**  
9 **ent Development Board;** and

10 “(b) [*That*] Prioritize equitable program participation by individuals from  
11 priority populations.

12 “(3) The commission shall, **in consultation with the State Workforce**  
13 **and Talent Development Board, local workforce development boards**  
14 **and industry consortia described under ORS 660.410,** establish criteria  
15 and standards by which a workforce service provider or a community-based  
16 organization may submit a proposal to receive a grant under this section. In  
17 establishing criteria and standards, the commission shall consider federal  
18 nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of the Workforce Inno-  
19 vation and Opportunity Act. The commission shall award grants on a com-  
20 petitive basis, taking into consideration proposals that:

21 “(a) Describe how the workforce service provider or the community-based  
22 organization intends to engage with employers in [*the*] targeted industry  
23 sectors to provide workforce development opportunities to individuals from  
24 priority populations.

25 “(b) **Describe how the workforce service provider or the**  
26 **community-based organization will engage with other community-**  
27 **based organizations and education and training partners to provide**  
28 **workforce development opportunities to individuals from priority pop-**  
29 **ulations.**

30 “(c) **Demonstrate how a proposed workforce program complements**

1 **the Workforce and Talent Development Plan described under ORS**  
2 **660.324.**

3 **“(d) Demonstrate, for workforce programs intended to serve specific**  
4 **geographical areas, how the program complements the workforce de-**  
5 **velopment goals of local workforce partners and is consistent with a**  
6 **local plan described in ORS 660.327.**

7 “[*(b)*] **(e)** Demonstrate the workforce service provider’s or the  
8 community-based organization’s experience serving individuals from priority  
9 populations.

10 “[*(c)*] *Describe how the workforce service provider or the community-based*  
11 *organization intends to collaborate with one or more of the following entities*  
12 *to increase accessibility for priority populations to workforce programs and*  
13 *opportunities;]*

14 “[*(A)*] *Other workforce service providers or community-based*  
15 *organizations;]*

16 “[*(B)*] *Kindergarten through grade 12 schools;]*

17 “[*(C)*] *Community colleges;]*

18 “[*(D)*] *Education and training partners;]*

19 “[*(E)*] *Local workforce development boards;]*

20 “[*(F)*] *Economic development organizations;]*

21 “[*(G)*] *Industry associations; and]*

22 “[*(H)*] *Universities, as defined in ORS 660.350.]*

23 “[*(d)*] **(f)** Demonstrate that a workforce partner with which a workforce  
24 service provider or a community-based organization intends to partner pos-  
25 sesses specific qualifications, including the organizational and technical ca-  
26 pacity, necessary to carry out the purposes described under subsection [*(5)(a)*  
27 *to (d)*] **(4)(a) to (d)** of this section.

28 “[*(e)*] **(g)** Prioritize opportunities to leverage the use of other funding  
29 sources, including federal funds and private sector contributions, toward  
30 workforce programs and opportunities.

1       **“(h) Describe how the workforce service provider or the**  
2 **community-based organization intends to collaborate with one or more**  
3 **of the following entities to increase accessibility for priority popu-**  
4 **lations to workforce programs and opportunities:**

5       **“(A) Other workforce service providers or community-based organ-**  
6 **izations;**

7       **“(B) Kindergarten through grade 12 schools;**

8       **“(C) Community colleges;**

9       **“(D) Education and training partners;**

10       **“(E) Local workforce development boards;**

11       **“(F) Economic development organizations;**

12       **“(G) Industry associations;**

13       **“(H) Universities, as defined in ORS 660.350; and**

14       **“(I) Private post-secondary institutions that meet the criteria set**  
15 **forth in ORS 348.597 (2)(a).**

16       *“[(4) In awarding grants under this section, the commission shall consult*  
17 *with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board and shall incorporate*  
18 *input from local workforce development boards and industry consortia con-*  
19 *vened under ORS 660.410.]*

20       **“[(5)] (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (7) of this sec-**  
21 **tion, grant moneys awarded under this section shall be expended for one or**  
22 **more of the following purposes:**

23       **“(a) To provide paid work experience, including stipends and wages;**

24       **“(b) To offer tuition and fee assistance for workforce programs;**

25       **“(c) To provide wraparound workforce development services;**

26       **“(d) To develop culturally and linguistically specific career pathways for**  
27 **obtaining certificates, credentials or degrees recognized by targeted industry**  
28 **sectors; and**

29       **“(e) To fund organizational investments, including, but not limited to:**

30       **“(A) Hiring staff;**

1 “(B) Developing organizational development strategies;  
2 “(C) Purchasing equipment, technology or other training-related supplies;  
3 “(D) Covering administrative costs; and  
4 “(E) Any other activities identified in a grant proposal as necessary to  
5 administer workforce programs described under this section.

6 “[~~(6)(a)~~] **(5)(a)** If a grant recipient expends moneys to provide paid work  
7 experience to individuals participating in a workforce program administered  
8 by the grant recipient, the grant recipient shall:

9 “(A) Notwithstanding ORS 653.025, pay wages to individuals participating  
10 in the program at a rate that is:

11 “(i) Equivalent to an entry-level training wage as determined by the grant  
12 recipient pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection; and

13 “(ii) In alignment with the wage progression schedule established by the  
14 grant recipient under subparagraph (B) of this paragraph;

15 “(B) Establish a wage progression schedule that includes the step  
16 progression requirements and the rate calculation formula upon which the  
17 grant recipient shall make determinations about a participating individual’s  
18 eligibility to increase the individual’s wage rate from an entry-level training  
19 wage to a wage rate that is equivalent to the average area wage standard  
20 for an hour’s work in the same trade or occupation in the locality where the  
21 labor is performed;

22 “(C) Develop a training plan for individuals participating in the program  
23 that includes, at a minimum:

24 “(i) The entry-level training wage that will be paid to the individual;

25 “(ii) A statement that the individual shall be paid according to the wage  
26 progression schedule established by the grant recipient entity, along with a  
27 description of the requirements that the individual must meet in order to  
28 progress to a higher wage rate under the wage progression schedule;

29 “(iii) A statement that the entry-level training wage paid to the individual  
30 may not be less than the federal minimum wage rate or the applicable state

1 minimum wage rate, whichever is greater; and

2 “(iv) A statement explaining that the entry-level training wage paid to the  
3 individual is a minimum standard and that a higher wage rate shall be paid  
4 to the individual if so required under other applicable federal or state laws,  
5 regulations or a collective bargaining agreement; and

6 “(D) Provide each individual participating in the program with a copy of  
7 the training plan described in subparagraph (C) of this paragraph on the date  
8 on which the individual first begins participating in the program.

9 “(b) For purposes of paragraph (a)(A) of this subsection, the entry-level  
10 training wage shall be a percentage amount of the average area wage  
11 standard for an hour’s work in the same trade or occupation in the locality  
12 where the labor is performed, but in no event may the entry-level training  
13 wage be less than the applicable state minimum wage rate under ORS  
14 653.025.

15 “(c) An individual who performs work for grant recipient described in this  
16 subsection shall be considered an employee of the grant recipient for pur-  
17 poses of state wage and hour laws and state laws prohibiting employment  
18 discrimination and retaliation.

19 “[7] (6) The commission shall compile information from each recipient  
20 of a grant under this section regarding the status and use of grant funds to  
21 ensure funding is expended for permissible purposes. At a minimum, the in-  
22 formation must include, where applicable:

23 “(a) The number of individuals who have registered for or completed a  
24 workforce program in health care, manufacturing or technology;

25 “(b) The number of workforce programs developed and administered by a  
26 workforce service provider or a community-based organization;

27 “(c) The job placement rate for and income earnings by individuals par-  
28 ticipating in a workforce program described under this section;

29 “(d) The number of individuals from priority populations who receive  
30 services or benefits from workforce programs administered by a workforce

1 service provider or a community-based organization; and

2 “(e) A description of the types and amount of wraparound workforce de-  
3 velopment services provided by a workforce service provider or a  
4 community-based organization.

5 **“(7) Notwithstanding subsection (3) of this section, the commission**  
6 **may, in consultation with the State Workforce and Talent Develop-**  
7 **ment Board, issue grant award moneys directly to workforce service**  
8 **providers and community-based organizations where, in the opinion**  
9 **of the commission, awarding the moneys directly will allow the**  
10 **workforce service provider or community-based organization to effec-**  
11 **tively respond to a particular strategic workforce opportunity identi-**  
12 **fied by the board.**

13 “(8) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for carrying out the  
14 provisions of this section.

15 **“SECTION 9.** ORS 660.405 is amended to read:

16 “660.405. (1) As used in this section:

17 “(a) ‘Community-based organization’ has the meaning given that term in  
18 ORS 660.390.

19 “(b) ‘Comprehensive one-stop center’ has the meaning given that term in  
20 34 C.F.R. 361.305.

21 “(c) ‘Workforce benefits navigator’ means an individual who:

22 “(A) Is employed at a comprehensive one-stop center or a community-  
23 based organization to advise and assist individuals from priority populations  
24 in accessing workforce programs and applying for benefits and services that  
25 are available under the programs;

26 “(B) Has comprehensive knowledge and understanding of workforce pro-  
27 grams and the benefits and services that are available under those programs;

28 “(C) Is aware of the cultural and linguistic differences of individuals from  
29 priority populations, including knowledge of the lived experiences of such  
30 individuals; and

1 “(D) Is trained in trauma-informed practices.

2 “(2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consultation  
3 with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board, shall [*establish and*  
4 *administer a program to*] award grants for [*pilot*] projects implemented by  
5 local workforce development boards that partner with comprehensive one-  
6 stop centers or community-based organizations to employ a workforce bene-  
7 fits navigator to connect individuals from priority populations to workforce  
8 programs and to increase access for such individuals to services and benefits  
9 made available under those workforce programs.

10 “(3) The commission shall establish criteria and standards by which local  
11 workforce development boards may submit proposals to receive a grant under  
12 this section.

13 “(4) The commission may adopt any rules necessary for carrying out the  
14 provisions of this section.

15 **“SECTION 10.** ORS 660.410 is amended to read:

16 “660.410. (1) As used in this section, ‘community-based organization’ has  
17 the meaning given that term in ORS 660.390.

18 “(2)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in consultation  
19 with the State Workforce and Talent Development Board, shall establish a  
20 program to convene statewide industry consortia that represent the health  
21 care, manufacturing and technology industry sectors **and other key sectors**  
22 **that are consistent with and responsive to critical workforce shortages**  
23 **and strategic workforce opportunities as identified by the State**  
24 **Workforce and Talent Development Board under ORS 660.324.** Each in-  
25 dividual consortium established under this section shall represent a single  
26 targeted industry sector.

27 “(b) The purpose of the program is to:

28 “(A) Establish strategic partnerships to align workforce development ac-  
29 tivities that aim to increase participation in workforce programs by individ-  
30 uals from priority populations;

1 “(B) Develop structured processes to address mutual goals and promote  
2 consensus in decision-making;

3 “(C) Identify industry-specific workforce needs in this state, including the  
4 need for high-value credentials, to inform the development and implementa-  
5 tion of culturally and linguistically diverse workforce education and training  
6 curricula;

7 “(D) Develop targeted recruitment strategies to increase equitable partic-  
8 ipation by individuals from priority populations in statewide workforce pro-  
9 grams;

10 “(E) Promote workforce development programs and activities in the tar-  
11 geted industry sectors; and

12 “(F) Establish wage rate standards, varied by locality, for each skilled  
13 occupation within each of the sectors specified in paragraph (a) of this sub-  
14 section.

15 “(3) Once every two years, each industry consortium established under  
16 this section shall:

17 “(a) Recalculate the wage rate standards described in subsection (2)(b)(F)  
18 of this section using relevant economic and employment data made available  
19 by the Employment Department. If there is no such data available, the con-  
20 sortium shall recalculate the wage rate standards using relevant economic  
21 and employment data made available from other resources, as identified by  
22 the commission by rule.

23 “(b) Submit a statement to the commission summarizing the methodology  
24 used to recalculate the wage rate standards and the date on which the new  
25 wage rate standards shall take effect.

26 “(4)(a) An industry consortium established under this section shall oper-  
27 ate under the direction of a leadership team composed of the following rep-  
28 resentatives from the consortium’s targeted industry sector:

29 “(A) A representative who is a business leader.

30 “(B) A representative of a community-based organization that administers

1 one or more workforce programs.

2 “(C) One or more representatives of workforce education and training  
3 providers.

4 “(D) A representative of a labor organization.

5 “(b) To the extent practicable, members of the leadership team shall in-  
6 clude individuals who are representative of priority populations.

7 “(c) The membership of an industry consortium established under this  
8 section must include, in addition to the members of the leadership team, the  
9 following:

10 “(A) One or more representatives from the State Workforce and Talent  
11 Development Board.

12 “(B) One or more representatives of the Racial Justice Council within the  
13 Office of the Governor.

14 “(C) One or more representatives of employers.

15 “(D) One or more representatives of an industry association.

16 “(E) One or more representatives of labor organizations.

17 “(F) One or more representatives of local workforce development boards.

18 “(G) One or more representatives of economic developers.

19 “(5) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board, or any other  
20 neutral entity designated by the board, shall serve as the **convener of or**  
21 **intermediary** between the industry consortia members.

22 “(6) **The commission shall, in collaboration with the State**  
23 **Workforce and Talent Development Board and industry consortia de-**  
24 **scribed under this section, coordinate with relevant state agencies and**  
25 **other workforce partners to:**

26 “(a) **Identify and prioritize select occupations within a targeted in-**  
27 **dustry for assessment;**

28 “(b) **Identify education and training assets that are available to help**  
29 **meet workforce needs, including enrollment capacity and any barriers**  
30 **impacting enrollment capacity; and**

1       “(c) **Integrate workforce supply and demand forecasting data to in-**  
2 **form the board’s identification of critical workforce shortages and**  
3 **strategic workforce opportunities.**

4       “[(6)] (7) The commission may adopt any rules necessary to carry out the  
5 provisions of this section.

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7                               **“YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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9       **“SECTION 11.** ORS 418.650 is amended to read:

10       “418.650. (1) The Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon finds and  
11 declares that:

12       “(a) It is the policy of the State of Oregon to maintain a strong economy  
13 in order to provide its citizens a stable and plentiful job market, and to  
14 conserve and protect its natural resources, scenic beauty, historical and  
15 cultural sites and other community facilities;

16       “(b) The development and maintenance of a healthy economy for Oregon  
17 depends substantially upon a strong work ethic among Oregon’s [*disadvan-*  
18 *taged and at-risk*] **youth and** young adults;

19       “(c) Many public lands and environmental resources, including parks,  
20 rangelands, forests, wildlife habitats, fisheries, soils and waters are and will  
21 continue to be subject to resource production demand and public uses;

22       “(d) In order to instill and preserve superior work attitudes among  
23 Oregon’s [*disadvantaged and at-risk*] **youth and** young adults and to main-  
24 tain, protect and conserve the valuable resources of the State of Oregon,  
25 programs need to be implemented which will assure continued economic  
26 productivity and scenic beauty, as well as the public health, safety and social  
27 benefit;

28       “(e) To these ends, conservation work programs may prove successful and  
29 cost-effective both in providing jobs for [*disadvantaged and at-risk*] **youth**  
30 **and** young adults and in assisting land preservation and management agen-

1 cies to conserve and protect natural and urban facilities; and

2 “(f) As a result of such employment opportunities, benefits will redound  
3 to the state’s environmental maintenance and productivity, the state’s econ-  
4 omy and to the [*disadvantaged and at-risk*] youth **and young adult** partic-  
5 ipants who benefit from the exposure to and respect for the work ethic in  
6 the context of safeguarding and improving the environmental resources of  
7 the state.

8 “(2) The general purposes of ORS 418.650 to 418.663 are:

9 “[*(a) To establish a disadvantaged and at-risk youth work program in order*  
10 *to perform conservation work of public value in the most cost-effective*  
11 *manner;*]

12 “**(a) To establish an education and work program for youth and**  
13 **young adults to perform community-based work of public value in the**  
14 **most cost-effective manner;**

15 “(b) To utilize such a program as a means of needed assistance to protect,  
16 conserve, rehabilitate and improve the natural, historical, **community** and  
17 cultural resources of the state; [*and*]

18 “(c) To utilize such a program to increase educational, training and em-  
19 ployment opportunities for [*disadvantaged and at-risk*] youth **and young**  
20 **adults** for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling a work ethic and  
21 increasing employability[.]; **and**

22 “**(d) To use an equity lens in awarding grants by identifying and**  
23 **supporting populations with greater vulnerability, including, but not**  
24 **limited to, communities of color, indigenous communities, communi-**  
25 **ties with members who have limited proficiency in English and com-**  
26 **munities with lower-income members.**

27 “**SECTION 12.** ORS 418.653 is amended to read:

28 “418.653. (1) Subject to the availability of funds, there is created within  
29 the Oregon Youth Employment Program established under ORS 660.353 an  
30 Oregon Youth Corps that:

1 “(a) Shall provide emergency services, public conservation, rehabilitation  
2 and *[improvement programs]* **community service activities throughout the**  
3 **state for a broad cross-section of youth and young adults.**

4 “(b) **May provide education and job training programs for youth and**  
5 **young adults.**

6 “(2) The corps shall *[be headed by a program director, and shall]* be ad-  
7 ministered through the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The  
8 *[program director]* **commission** shall operate the corps in consultation with  
9 the Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board created under ORS 660.320.

10 “**SECTION 13.** ORS 418.657 is amended to read:

11 “418.657. (1) **Under the administration of the Higher Education Co-**  
12 **ordinating Commission,** in consultation with the Oregon Youth Works  
13 Advisory Board created under ORS 660.320 *[and the executive director of the*  
14 *Higher Education Coordinating Commission, or the designee of the executive*  
15 *director],* the *[program director of the]* Oregon Youth Corps shall:

16 “(a) Establish eligibility criteria for participants. Such criteria shall not  
17 render the program ineligible for federal funds. *[Participants shall be lawful*  
18 *permanent residents of this state.]*

19 “(b) Establish criteria in order to make the required determination that  
20 enrollment in the corps was not the reason that an individual ceased at-  
21 tendance at a secondary school.

22 “[*c) Assume that application of the eligibility and participation criteria*  
23 *results in enrollment of at least 75 percent disadvantaged and at-risk youth*  
24 *among the total number of participants.]*

25 “(2) The *[program director, in consultation with the executive director, or*  
26 *the designee of the executive director,]* **commission** may take the following  
27 actions, including but not limited to:

28 “(a) Applying for and accepting grants or contributions of funds from any  
29 public or private source;

30 “(b) Making agreements or entering into contracts or other agreements

1 with any local, state or federal agency, or with any private or public or-  
2 ganization or tribal government, to utilize, pay for or support any service,  
3 material or property of any such entity, where such agreements are consid-  
4 ered reasonable and necessary; and

5 “(c) Purchasing, contracting or making payment for necessary services,  
6 awards, equipment, materials and property where such are needed to carry  
7 out the projects approved for and undertaken by the corps.

8 “(3) The commission may adopt all necessary rules to carry out the pur-  
9 poses and objectives of the program and to regulate the standards of conduct  
10 and other operating guidelines for corps members and other personnel.

11 “(4) Corps members are exempt from:

12 “(a) State Personnel Relations Law; and

13 “(b) ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870.

14 “**SECTION 14.** ORS 418.660 is amended to read:

15 “418.660. [(1)] The programs established under ORS 418.650 to 418.663 may  
16 include, but shall not be limited to, projects such as:

17 “[(a)] (1) Rangeland conservation, rehabilitation and improvement;

18 “[(b)] (2) Endangered species and other wildlife habitat conservation, re-  
19 habilitation and improvement;

20 “[(c)] (3) Urban revitalization;

21 “[(d)] (4) Historical and cultural site preservation and maintenance;

22 “[(e)] (5) Recreational area development, maintenance, improvement and  
23 beautification;

24 “[(f)] (6) Road and trail maintenance and improvement;

25 “[(g)] (7) Soil conservation work, including erosion control;

26 “[(h)] (8) Flood, drought and storm damage assistance and relief;

27 “[(i)] (9) Stream, lake, waterfront harbor and port improvement and pol-  
28 lution control;

29 “[(j)] (10) Fish culture and habitat maintenance and improvement;

30 “[(k)] (11) Insect, disease, rodent and other pestilence control;

1 “[L] (12) Improvement of abandoned railroad land and right of way;

2 “[m] (13) Land reclamation and improvement, including strip-mined  
3 lands, public landscape work and tree planting programs;

4 “[n] (14) Energy conservation projects including assistance in the per-  
5 formance of energy efficiency audits, weatherization and renewable resource  
6 enhancement;

7 **“(15) Clean energy projects and other projects aimed at addressing  
8 the adverse impacts of climate change;**

9 “[o] (16) Emergency assistance in times of natural or other disaster;

10 “[p] *Recycling projects; and*]

11 “[q] (17) Garden, greenhouse and farming programs[.];

12 **“(18) Child care services;**

13 **“(19) Elderly and disabled care services;**

14 **“(20) Literacy education programs;**

15 **“(21) Recycling and other waste reduction services;**

16 **“(22) Wildfire community risk reduction projects; and**

17 **“(23) Construction and trades projects.**

18 “[2] *In consultation with the Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board created  
19 under ORS 660.320 and the executive director of the Higher Education Coor-  
20 dinating Commission, or the designee of the executive director, the program  
21 director of the Oregon Youth Corps shall ensure that projects selected under  
22 ORS 418.650 to 418.663 shall be consistent with all other provisions of appli-  
23 cable state and federal law relating to the management, oversight and admin-  
24 istration of affected public lands.]*

25 **“SECTION 15.** ORS 660.318 is amended to read:

26 “660.318. (1) To implement and oversee state implementation of the federal  
27 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Higher Education Coordi-  
28 nating Commission may:

29 “(a) Receive federal youth activities funds allotted to this state by the  
30 Secretary of Labor pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Op-

1 opportunity Act and allocate those funds that are not reserved according to  
2 an allocation formula recommended by the State Workforce and Talent De-  
3 velopment Board and approved by the Governor.

4 “(b) Receive federal adult employment and training activities funds al-  
5 lotted to this state by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the federal  
6 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and allocate those funds that are  
7 not reserved according to an allocation formula recommended by the State  
8 Workforce and Talent Development Board and approved by the Governor.

9 “(c) Receive federal dislocated worker funds allotted to this state by the  
10 Secretary of Labor pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Op-  
11 portunity Act and allocate those funds that are not reserved according to  
12 an allocation formula recommended by the State Workforce and Talent De-  
13 velopment Board and approved by the Governor.

14 “(d) Establish a procedure for use by local workforce development boards  
15 to identify eligible providers of training services according to section 3174  
16 of the federal Act and to maintain the list of providers identified as eligible  
17 by the boards in all local workforce development areas in this state.

18 “(e) Receive the comprehensive strategic plan developed and implemented  
19 by each local workforce development board and review the plan, with input  
20 from representatives of state and local workforce programs, to determine if  
21 the plan meets the requirements of section 3123 of the federal Act and state  
22 policy.

23 “(f) Approve the plans, after review by the State Workforce and Talent  
24 Development Board, that are found to meet the requirements of the federal  
25 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and review and approve any  
26 amendments to the plans.

27 “(g) Carry out the required and allowable activities described in section  
28 3174 of the federal Act with the advice of the Education and Workforce  
29 Policy Advisor.

30 “(h) Pursuant to ORS 660.339, establish procedures to maintain the

1 confidentiality of the names and records of participants in workforce pro-  
2 grams for which the commission is responsible, including circumstances un-  
3 der which the names and records may be disclosed.

4 “(i) Establish a method to set performance standards for the Secretary of  
5 Labor as required under section 3141 of the federal Act.

6 “(j) Perform planning functions related to programs and performance re-  
7 porting under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

8 “(2)(a) Subject to the availability of funds from the federal Workforce  
9 Innovation and Opportunity Act, the commission shall create and operate a  
10 summer youth employment program that reestablishes meaningful summer  
11 work experience for persons between the ages of 14 and 24 and that meets  
12 the requirements for funding under the federal Act.

13 “(b) Programs funded under this subsection:

14 “(A) Must include representatives of the business community in the  
15 planning, implementation and evaluation of the program.

16 “(B) May provide for private and public sector employment opportunities.

17 “(C) Shall be managed by local workforce development boards in a man-  
18 ner that coordinates regional state-sponsored youth work experience pro-  
19 grams.

20 “(c) Local workforce development boards responsible for managing pro-  
21 grams created under this subsection shall provide training for business, labor  
22 and education leaders in use of best practices that ensure positive summer  
23 work experiences for participants.

24 “(3) The commission shall collaborate with the State Workforce and Tal-  
25 ent Development Board and local workforce development boards to collect  
26 data on summer work experience programs that identify successful summer  
27 work experiences and allow for the identification and dissemination of  
28 promising practices.

29 “(4) The commission, in consultation with the [*State Workforce and Talent*  
30 *Development Board*] **Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board created under**

1 **ORS 660.320**, may adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 to implement this  
2 section.

3 **“SECTION 16.** ORS 418.663 is amended to read:

4 “418.663. (1) [*Projects selected under ORS 418.650 to 418.663 shall:*] **The**  
5 **following projects and programs must meet the requirements under**  
6 **subsection (2) of this section:**

7 **“(a) Projects selected under ORS 418.650 to 418.663.**

8 **“(b) Youth workforce development programs for which the Higher**  
9 **Education Coordinating Commission is responsible, including but not**  
10 **limited to:**

11 **“(A) The Oregon Youth Employment Program created under ORS**  
12 **660.353; and**

13 **“(B) The Oregon Conservation Corps Program established under**  
14 **ORS 476.694.**

15 **“(2) A project or program described in subsection (1) of this section**  
16 **shall:**

17 **“(a) Result in an increase in employment opportunities for [*disadvantaged***  
18 ***and at-risk*] youth and young adults over those opportunities which would**  
19 **otherwise be available;**

20 **“(b) Not result in the displacement of currently employed workers, in-**  
21 **cluding partial displacement such as reduction in the hours of nonovertime**  
22 **work or wages or employment benefits;**

23 **“(c) Not impair existing contracts for services or result in the substi-**  
24 **tution of state for other funds in connection with work that would otherwise**  
25 **be performed;**

26 **“(d) Not substitute jobs assisted under [*ORS 418.650 to 418.663*] the**  
27 **project or program for existing federally assisted jobs;**

28 **“(e) Not employ any person when any other person is on layoff by an**  
29 **employer from the same or any substantially equivalent job in the same area;**  
30 [*and*]

1 “(f) Not be used to employ any person to fill a job opening created by the  
2 act of an employer in laying off or terminating employment of any regular  
3 employee, otherwise reducing the regular workforce not supported under  
4 [ORS 418.650 to 418.663] **the project or program**, in anticipation of filling  
5 the vacancy so created by hiring a person to be supported under [ORS  
6 418.650 to 418.663] **the project or program**.; and

7 “(g) **Ensure that a grant made under the project or program is**  
8 **consistent with the local plan described in ORS 660.327 for the region**  
9 **the grant intends to serve.**

10 “[2)] (3) Where a labor organization represents employees who are en-  
11 gaged in similar work or a workers’ cooperative is engaged in work in the  
12 same area to that proposed to be performed under the **project or** program  
13 for which an application is being developed, the organization or cooperative  
14 shall be notified and shall be afforded a reasonable period of time prior to  
15 the submission of the application in which to make comments to the appli-  
16 cant and to the [program director of the Oregon Youth Corps] **commission.**

17 **“SECTION 17.** ORS 476.694 is amended to read:

18 “476.694. (1) The Oregon Conservation Corps Program is established for  
19 the purposes of:

20 “(a) Reducing the risk wildfire poses to communities and critical  
21 infrastructure.

22 “(b) Helping to create fire-adapted communities.

23 “(c) Engaging youth and young adults in workforce training.

24 “(2) Youth and young adults between 16 years of age and 26 years of age  
25 [who have been qualified by a youth development organization] may partic-  
26 ipate in projects undertaken by the corps.

27 “(3) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, participants in  
28 projects undertaken by the corps:

29 “(a) Are not employees of the corps.

30 “(b) Are exempt from prevailing wage laws.

1       “(c) Must receive compensation for their participation of at least mini-  
2       mum wage or an allowance or stipend that, when combined with other  
3       sources of payment the participant is eligible to receive, including academic  
4       credit or an AmeriCorps education award, is equivalent to the value of  
5       minimum wage.

6       **“(4) The Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board created under ORS  
7       660.320 may, in collaboration with a qualified nonprofit foundation,  
8       actively seek and source private donations to support the Oregon  
9       Conservation Corps Program.**

10       **“(5) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may direct the  
11       expenditure of moneys from the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund es-  
12       tablished under ORS 476.698 for implementation of a grant process  
13       that:**

14       **“(a) Provides funding to support the work conducted by the Oregon  
15       Conservation Corps Program.**

16       **“(b) Defines and uses an equity lens in awarding grants by identi-  
17       fying and supporting populations with greater vulnerability, including  
18       communities of color, indigenous communities, communities with  
19       members who have limited proficiency in English and communities  
20       with lower-income members.**

21       **“(c) Awards grants to eligible organizations.**

22       **“(d) Ensures that grant awards support activities described in this  
23       section.**

24       **“(e) Establishes guidelines for prioritizing grant-supported projects  
25       to reduce community fire risks, promote youth and young adult  
26       workforce development and educational experiences and reduce haz-  
27       ardous fuels.**

28       **“(6) The commission shall consult with the State Forestry Depart-  
29       ment and the Department of the State Fire Marshal to ensure that the  
30       grant process awards funds to proposals that:**

1       “(a) Protect at-risk communities and infrastructure within the  
2 wildland-urban interface, as described in ORS 477.503.

3       “(b) Meet standards for fuel treatment established by the State  
4 Forestry Department and the Department of the State Fire Marshal.

5       “(7) The commission shall biennially submit a report, on the  
6 timeline described in ORS 293.640, to an appropriate committee or in-  
7 terim committee of the Legislative Assembly, as described in ORS  
8 192.245, and to the State Wildfire Programs Director and Wildfire  
9 Programs Advisory Council, regarding the expenditure of moneys de-  
10 posited in the Oregon Conservation Corps Fund.

11       “(8) As used in this section, ‘eligible organization’ includes  
12 Oregon-based nonprofit youth development organizations, federally  
13 recognized Indian tribes in this state, nonprofit associations engaged  
14 in workforce development and public entities that provide programs  
15 of job training, skill development and forest-related or rangeland-  
16 related career path training.

17       “SECTION 18. ORS 660.320 is amended to read:

18       “660.320. (1) There is created in the Higher Education Coordinating  
19 Commission the Oregon Youth Works Advisory Board. The purpose of the  
20 advisory board is to provide advice on and oversight of the implementation  
21 and alignment of youth workforce development programs for which the  
22 commission is responsible, including but not limited to:

23       “(a) The Oregon Youth Corps created under ORS 418.653;

24       “(b) The Oregon Conservation Corps Program established under ORS  
25 476.694; and

26       “(c) The Oregon Youth Employment Program created under ORS 660.353.

27       “(2) The Governor, in consultation with the commission, shall determine  
28 the number of members on the advisory board. In determining the number  
29 of members on the advisory board, the Governor shall ensure that member-  
30 ship consists of at least seven but not more than 12 members.

1 “(3) The Governor shall appoint the members of the advisory board. The  
2 members must be residents of this state who reflect the geographic, racial,  
3 ethnic and gender diversity of this state and who have necessary experience  
4 that will enable the advisory board to meaningfully advise the commission  
5 on topics including, but not limited to:

6 “(a) Career-connected learning that provides learners with career aware-  
7 ness, exploration, preparation and training in connection with professional  
8 and industry-based expectations;

9 “(b) Development of career pathways;

10 “(c) Youth education programs;

11 “(d) Workforce development programs;

12 “(e) Rural workforce needs; and

13 “(f) Workforce issues affecting underrepresented communities.

14 “(4) The advisory board must include representation from:

15 “(a) The forestry or wildfire sector;

16 “(b) The natural resources sector;

17 “(c) Workforce sectors that are experiencing workforce demands;

18 “(d) Communities in which the wildland-urban interface faces a high risk  
19 of wildfire exposure;

20 “(e) Underrepresented communities, including communities of color, rural  
21 communities and communities that have faced generational poverty or other  
22 communities that have been historically underrepresented in youth employ-  
23 ment as determined by the commission by rule;

24 “(f) Tribal communities; and

25 “(g) Local workforce development boards.

26 “(5)(a) **Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, to**  
27 **accomplish staggered expiration dates of the terms to be filled,** mem-  
28 bers of the advisory board serve for a term of **either three or** four years at  
29 the pleasure of the Governor. **To the extent practicable, the Governor**  
30 **shall specify that one-half of the membership appointments must be**

1 **fixed at a term of three years and all other remaining position ap-**  
2 **pointments must be fixed at a term of four years.**

3 **“(b) Upon the expiration of a term, the Governor shall appoint a**  
4 **successor to assume the membership position. The term of the**  
5 **successor’s appointment shall be four years.**

6 **“(6) Members may not receive compensation for service on the advisory**  
7 **board, but, subject to any applicable laws regulating travel and other ex-**  
8 **penses of state officers and employees, may be reimbursed for actual and**  
9 **necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of official**  
10 **duties, as provided in ORS 292.495, with moneys available to the advisory**  
11 **board for the purpose of reimbursing members.**

12 **“(7) The commission shall provide the advisory board with necessary staff**  
13 **support.**

14 **“SECTION 19. ORS 418.658 and 476.696 are repealed.**

15 **“SECTION 20. The amendments to ORS 660.320 by section 18 of this**  
16 **2025 Act apply to advisory board appointments made on or after the**  
17 **effective date of this 2025 Act.**

18 **“SECTION 21. The unit captions used in this 2025 Act are provided**  
19 **only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the**  
20 **statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the**  
21 **enactment of this 2025 Act.”.**

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