

Requested by Senator LIEBER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 1143**

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’**  
4 **have the meanings given those terms in ORS 660.010.**

5 **“(b) ‘Covered project’ means:**

6 **“(A) A project that facilitates the construction, repair or mainte-**  
7 **nance of the development 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**  
10 **660.010.**

11 **“(d) ‘Natural gas company’ means a public utility, as defined in**  
12 **ORS 757.005, that provides natural gas services to customers.**

13 **“(e) ‘Registered apprenticeship training program’ means a program,**  
14 **as defined in ORS 660.010.**

15 **“(f) ‘Thermal energy network’ means a network of pipes and heat**  
16 **pumps that uses noncombustible fluids within the network to distrib-**  
17 **ute thermal energy between and among ground, air and surface water**  
18 **sources and buildings connected to the network.**

19 **“(g) ‘Thermal energy network pilot project’ means a thermal energy**  
20 **network pilot project developed under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

21 **“(2) A natural gas company that operates a covered project shall**

1 require each contractor with which the natural gas company has en-  
2 tered into a contract for the performance of work on the covered  
3 project to:

4 “(a) Ensure that the following percentages of journeyworkers who  
5 are employed to perform work on the covered project have completed  
6 a registered apprenticeship training program:

7 “(A) For a covered project initiated between January 1, 2026, and  
8 December 31, 2026, at least 30 percent.

9 “(B) For a covered project initiated between January 1, 2027, and  
10 December 31, 2027, at least 45 percent.

11 “(C) For a covered project initiated on or after January 1, 2028, at  
12 least 60 percent.

13 “(b) Participate as a training agent in an apprenticeship program  
14 registered with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council to pro-  
15 vide on-the-job training opportunities for apprentices in apprenticeable  
16 occupations to perform work on the project.

17 “(c) Pay wages to the journeyworkers and apprentices who perform  
18 work on the covered project at a rate that is no less than the pre-  
19 vailing rate of wage that the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and  
20 Industries determines under ORS 279C.815 for the trade or occupation  
21 in the locality where the work is performed.

22 “(d) Ensure all journeyworkers have completed at least 30 hours of  
23 occupational safety and health training before commencing work on  
24 the covered project and every two years thereafter for the duration  
25 of the project.

26 “(e) Document and submit quarterly reports to the natural gas  
27 company demonstrating proof of compliance with the requirements  
28 described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of this subsection.

29 “(3)(a) A natural gas company shall keep and maintain records  
30 necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements in this

1 section. A natural gas company must provide records kept and main-  
2 tained under this section to the Bureau of Labor and Industries upon  
3 request.

4 “(b) A natural gas company shall compile any proof of compliance  
5 submitted by contractors under this section with respect to the work  
6 performed on a covered project during each calendar year and submit  
7 an annual report to the Bureau of Labor and Industries no later than  
8 February 1 of the following year.

9 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on Jan-  
10 uary 1, 2026.**

11 **“SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to contracts for the  
12 performance of work on a covered project entered into, renewed or  
13 extended on or after January 1, 2026.”.**

14 In line 36, delete “2” and insert “5”.

15 In line 37, delete “3” and insert “6”.

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