

SB 1512 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Pham

Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government

Action Date: 02/11/26

Action: Do pass and requesting subsequent referral to Ways and Means be rescinded.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Drazan, Meek, Neron Misslin, Pham

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure extends the Prosperity 10,000 program and modifies its goals and purposes.

Detailed Summary:

- Expands the population that Prosperity 10,000 can serve
- Requires local workforce boards to align the administration of Prosperity 10,000 with critical workforce shortages and strategic workforce opportunities
- Requires local boards to consider how entities' grant funding proposals demonstrate engagement with priority populations in targeted industry sectors, including collaboration with industry and education partners, and prioritize the use of federal and private funds
- Removes statutory language related to fund distribution to Prosperity 10,000 by Senate Bill 1545 (2022)
- Extends Prosperity 10,000 by permitting the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to distribute additional funds appropriated by the legislature to local workforce development boards

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of local workforce boards in workforce development
- Federal and state funding for workforce development programs
- Impact of the Prosperity 10,000 program
- Types of workforce sectors served by the program
- Engagement of community and employers

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2022, the legislature enacted a \$200 million package of workforce development investments known as Future Ready Oregon (Senate Bill 1545). Of that investment, \$35 million was directed toward local workforce development boards under a program known as Prosperity 10,000. Among the purposes and goals of Prosperity 10,000 is providing paid work experiences for individuals from priority populations and ensuring that services and benefits available through workforce programs are provided to them.

Future Ready Oregon included multiple grant programs that were directed to prioritize participation from priority populations, allow priority to be given to grant proposals that demonstrate effective strategies for engaging priority populations, or permit funds to be used for the recruitment of and outreach to priority populations.

These grant programs include the following areas:

- Registered apprenticeship and training in health care, manufacturing, and construction

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- Community colleges and universities to increase opportunities for students from priority populations to receive academic credit for prior experience or skills
- Increasing access to youth workforce programs for youth and young adults from priority populations
- Community colleges to develop post-secondary career pathway training programs that provide certain opportunities for individuals from priority populations
- Workforce programs in health care, manufacturing, and technology that prioritize equitable program participation by individuals from priority populations
- Workforce benefit navigators to connect individuals from priority populations to workforce programs

Local workforce development boards are business-led boards in all 50 U.S. states that are funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. In Oregon, there are nine local workforce areas, as well as a statewide Workforce & Talent Development Board, which advises the governor on workforce matters and developing a strategic plan for workforce development.