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Senate Bill 598

Ordered by the Senate April 21
Including Senate Amendments dated April 21

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE

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.

Establishes Task Force on 21st Century Apprenticeship with [14] **16** members appointed by President of Senate, Speaker of House of Representatives and Governor. Requires task force to evaluate and make recommendations concerning methods for improving various aspects of apprenticeship in this state.

Sunset December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to methods for improving apprenticeship; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on 21st Century Apprenticeship is established, consisting**
5 **of 16 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate, ensuring that the appointment includes one member from each caucus, and shall**
8 **designate one of the members as a co-chair of the task force.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives, ensuring that the appointment includes one**
11 **member from each caucus, and shall designate one of the members as a co-chair of the task**
12 **force.**

13 (c) **The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by**
14 **mutual agreement, shall appoint 10 members, at least two of whom must work or reside in**
15 **rural areas of this state, as follows:**

16 (A) **One member who represents a general contractor that has performed public con-**
17 **tracts for a public agency in this state and that has a collective bargaining agreement with**
18 **the contractor's employees;**

19 (B) **One member who represents a general contractor that has performed public con-**
20 **tracts for a public agency in this state and that does not have a collective bargaining**
21 **agreement with the contractor's employees;**

22 (C) **One member who represents a subcontractor that has performed work for a con-**
23 **tractor under a public contract in this state and that has a collective bargaining agreement**
24 **with the subcontractor's employees;**

25 (D) **One member who represents a subcontractor that has performed work for a con-**
26 **tractor under a public contract in this state and that does not have a collective bargaining**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 agreement with the subcontractor's employees;

2 (E) Four members who are representatives of labor organizations or other represen-
3 tatives of persons who are engaged in apprenticeable occupations; and

4 (F) Two members who work in a community college apprenticeship or preapprenticeship
5 program, at least one of whom must be a faculty member at the community college.

6 (d) The Governor shall appoint two members as follows:

7 (A) One member who is an employee of a state contracting agency; and

8 (B) One member who is an employee of a local contracting agency.

9 (2) The task force shall study, evaluate and make recommendations concerning methods
10 to:

11 (a) Improve pathways from career and technical education to apprenticeship;

12 (b) Help to create and maintain preapprenticeship programs for underrepresented and
13 nontraditional populations;

14 (c) Improve the effectiveness of apprenticeship programs in working with contractors
15 from rural areas of this state;

16 (d) Overcome regional barriers and other barriers to completing apprenticeship pro-
17 grams;

18 (e) Extend an apprenticeship model to additional industries, such as manufacturing and
19 health care;

20 (f) Examine the capacity of current apprenticeship programs to produce a sufficient
21 number of apprentices to meet current and future workforce demands; and

22 (g) Evaluate:

23 (A) Whether this state's community college system can have an increased role in pro-
24 viding preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training, particularly in rural areas of this state;

25 (B) The flexibility of current apprenticeship programs to meet the evolving workforce
26 needs of industry; and

27 (C) The timeliness and efficiency of new apprenticeship program approval.

28 (3) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and
29 otherwise collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force's purposes.

30 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for transacting
31 business.

32 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
33 of the task force.

34 (6)(a) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-
35 pointment to become immediately effective.

36 (b) The co-chairs of the task force may expand the task force's membership if the co-
37 chairs deem an expansion necessary.

38 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the co-chairs
39 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

40 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

41 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
42 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-
43 bly related to workforce development or public contracting as appropriate no later than De-
44 cember 30, 2016.

45 (10) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not

1 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses the members incur in performing
2 the members' official duties. Members of the task force who are members of the Legislative
3 Assembly shall receive compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 171.072.

4 (11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
5 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
6 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
7 consider necessary to perform their duties.

8 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

9 SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
10 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
11 on its passage.

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