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# SUPPORT SB623: THE COVID WORKFORCE RECOVERY ACT



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## What's the Problem?

- 86 percent of workers who lost jobs in the immediate aftermath of COVID-19 earned less than \$40,000 per year.
- More than 1 in 10 jobs paying less than \$35,000 a year have disappeared and won't likely return.
- People of Color, women, immigrants, young workers, and those with a high school diploma or less are disproportionately impacted by the economic downturn.



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## What's the Solution?

We need to take advantage of and fast track the robust local system of retraining and workforce development that this body set up just 8 years ago. Oregon's 9 Local Workforce Boards and the state Workforce Training and Development Board need to be the most responsive, most engaged and most effective organizations closest to your constituents.



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SB 623 calls for a "Quick Start" **45-day plan** to:

- Ensure the needs of those most impacted by COVID – people of color, women, young and lower-skilled Oregonians – are prioritized and served by the public workforce system.
- Strengthen local voices in the design and delivery of workforce services.
- Promote equitable economic recovery as soon as possible - - especially focusing on our constituents whose existing jobs may have disappeared in the pandemic.
- Get a handful of immediate recommendations out on the ground this summer.



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SB 623 also requires a longer term and more in-depth **evaluation** to:

- Increase transparency and accountability of public workforce investments.
- Improve data collection and reporting.
- Enhance community engagement and local responsiveness.
- Improve outcomes.
- Support positive systemic change.



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Oregon needs to rise to this challenge, move quickly, and make significant improvements in our workforce system.



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***SB623 is a critical tool to ensure that this occurs.***



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