

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barnhart, Dallum, Holvey, Lim, Riley, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Girod
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Meeting Dates:	2/14, 2/16, 3/14, 3/21, 4/9, 4/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Skill Up Oregon Fund in the State Treasury. Establishes Apprenticeship Support Account in the Skill Up Fund. Directs Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development to use Skill Up moneys to fund grants to eligible individuals. Directs State Apprenticeship and Training Council to use Apprenticeship Support Account moneys to award competitive grants to eligible programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Establishes the Apprenticeship Support Account. Expands providers with whom local boards may contract to provide training. Limits amount of funds that may be used for administrative costs. Allows low-skilled workers who formerly or currently receive public assistance to qualify for funds.

BACKGROUND: Across the nation, significant numbers of skilled workers will retire in the next decade with no pipeline of replacements, particularly in the skilled trades. The Oregon Workforce Investment Board estimates that by the year 2014, Oregon will need 700,000 skilled workers to fill openings created by economic growth and retirements. One in six adult Oregonians lack a high school diploma or equivalent and some of those who graduate are not ready for college or the workplace. HB 2206-A addresses these concerns by establishing the Skill Up Oregon Fund and the Apprenticeship Support Account.

The Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development will administer the Skill Up Fund. The Department deposits 10 percent of the total monies into the Apprenticeship Support Account. The Department uses the remaining money to allocate grants among local and regional workforce investment boards according to the size of the labor force, the unemployment rate, and the number of employers. Local boards identify occupations to target within their region. Local boards also identify unemployed, dislocated, and low-skilled workers who would benefit from training in the targeted occupations. An individual may receive up to \$3000 each biennium and may use the money for tuition, books, fees, support services and additional training after the individual becomes employed.

The State Apprenticeship and Training Council will administer the money in the Apprenticeship Support Account. The Council allocates grants on a competitive basis to programs addressing the apprenticeship needs of the construction and manufacturing industries. Registered apprenticeship training programs, school districts, post-secondary educational institutions, not-for-profit organizations, or local or regional workforce investment boards may apply. The council gives preference to grant applicants that agree to match the moneys received.

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