House Bill 2412

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Requires State Apprenticeship and Training Council to adopt rules establishing minimum numeric ratio of journeymen to apprentices for each apprenticeable occupation.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to apprenticeship; amending ORS 660.120.

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30 31 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 660.120 is amended to read:

660.120. (1) The State Apprenticeship and Training Council shall enforce the provisions of ORS 660.002 to 660.210 in order to carry out its intent and purposes.

- (2) With the assistance of the State Director of Apprenticeship and Training and the director's staff, the council may conduct investigations, issue subpoenas, obtain evidence, administer oaths and take testimony in all matters relating to its duties and functions as set forth in ORS 660.002 to 660.210.
- (3) The council may bring suit in a court of proper jurisdiction in its own name, or in the name of an apprentice on behalf of the apprentice, through the district attorney or the Attorney General.
- (4)(a) In accordance with the applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, the council may [make] adopt such rules as are reasonably necessary to enforce and administer ORS 660.002 to 660.210. [However, all rules which the council makes under ORS 660.002 to 660.210 shall be adopted in compliance with ORS chapter 183. In addition, where]
- (b) If the council finds that it would be impractical for a number or all of the local joint committees in the state to develop criteria concerning a particular matter, the council may [make] adopt rules on [such] the matter. The council's rules shall govern on that matter except to the extent that a local joint committee's approved standards contain exceptions.
- (c) The council shall adopt rules establishing the minimum numeric ratio of journeymen to apprentices for each apprenticeable occupation. The council may not adopt a minimum numeric ratio that requires more than one journeyman to one apprentice. The council may adopt a minimum numeric ratio that allows for more than one apprentice to one journeyman.
 - [(2)] (5) The council also shall:
- (a) Establish policy of the program so as to encourage the promotion, expansion and improvement of programs of apprenticeship and training;
- (b) Approve and register such program standards and modifications thereto, as are submitted by appropriate local joint committees as provided in ORS 660.126, which are in substantial conformity with the statewide standards approved under ORS 660.155;
 - (c) Establish committees and approve nominations of members and alternates to local joint

- committees and state joint committees to [insure] ensure balanced representation of employer and employee groups;
- (d) Deregister standards and terminate entire programs, and remove any or all members of any committee, for inactivity or inadequate activity, or for failure to abide by the provisions of ORS 660.002 to 660.210 or by the rules and policies of the council;
- (e) Cooperate with interested state and federal agencies, including the Department of Education and other providers of related training and curriculum such as community college districts, community college service districts, education service districts and recognized industry programs;
- (f) Perform such other functions and duties as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of ORS 660.002 to 660.210; and
- (g) Hold at least four regular public meetings each year. Executive sessions shall be held on call of the chairperson[,] or at the written request of a majority of the members of the council.