

House Bill 2759

Sponsored by Representative NELSON

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 **as introduced**.

Directs Employment Department, for biennium beginning July 1, 2007, to use all unobligated moneys in Oregon JOBS Plus Unemployment Wage Fund for payment of wages and certain expenses of participants in JOBS Plus Program who are otherwise eligible to receive unemployment insurance and who reside in severely distressed areas designated by Economic and Community Development Department.

Creates Task Force on Workforce Training and Unemployment Insurance. Directs task force to submit report to interim legislative committee related to workforce development. Sunsets task force on date of convening of next regular biennial legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2007.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to JOBS Plus Program; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 657.925 to the contrary, for the**
4 **biennium beginning July 1, 2007, the Employment Department shall use all unobligated**
5 **moneys in the Oregon JOBS Plus Unemployment Wage Fund for the payment of wages and**
6 **wage-related and administrative expenses of participants in the JOBS Plus Program who are**
7 **otherwise eligible to receive unemployment insurance and who reside in severely distressed**
8 **areas designated by the Economic and Community Development Department.**

9 **SECTION 2. (1) There is created the Task Force on Workforce Training and Unemploy-**
10 **ment Insurance consisting of eight members appointed as follows:**

11 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint one member from among members of the**
12 **Senate.**

13 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member from among**
14 **members of the House of Representatives.**

15 (c) **The Governor shall appoint six members as follows:**

16 (A) **The chairperson of the State Workforce Investment Board;**

17 (B) **The chairperson of the Employment Department Advisory Council;**

18 (C) **The chairperson of the JOBS Plus Advisory Board;**

19 (D) **The Education and Workforce Policy Advisor;**

20 (E) **One individual who represents business; and**

21 (F) **One individual who represents labor.**

22 (2) **The task force shall study the use of unemployment insurance funds to fund job**
23 **training programs, including but not limited to:**

24 (a) **The JOBS Plus Program; and**

25 (b) **The employers workforce training program.**

26 (3) **A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
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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 of business.

2 (4) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
3 of the task force.

4 (5) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.

5 (6) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
6 ment to become immediately effective.

7 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
8 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

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

10 (9) The task force shall submit a report, and may include recommendations for legis-
11 lation, to an interim committee related to workforce development no later than October 1,
12 2008.

13 (10) The Employment Department and the Department of Community Colleges and
14 Workforce Development shall provide staff support to the task force.

15 (11) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
16 entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and other
17 expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties in the manner and
18 amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses incurred in performing functions
19 of the task force shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Employment Department for
20 that purpose.

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

25 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2007 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the next
26 regular biennial legislative session.

27 **SECTION 4.** This 2007 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
28 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2007 Act takes effect
29 on July 1, 2007.

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