Senate Bill 176

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SUMMARY

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Requires local workforce investment board to establish committee of public and private sector representatives to develop strategy to align expenditure of resources to maximize investments in workforce development in local workforce investment area. Requires submission of local workforce investment plan including strategy to State Workforce Investment Board.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to alignment of resources expended for local workforce development; amending ORS 660.327.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 660.327 is amended to read:

660.327. (1) In accordance with section 2832 of the federal Act, each local workforce investment board shall:

- (a) Consistent with section 2833 of the federal Act, in partnership with the chief elected official for the local area involved, develop and submit a local plan to the Governor.
- (b) Consistent with section 2841(d) of the federal Act, with the agreement of the chief elected official, designate or certify one-stop operators as described in section 2841(d)(2)(A) of the federal Act and may terminate for cause the eligibility of such operators.
- (c) Consistent with section 2843 of the federal Act, identify eligible providers of youth activities in the local area and award grants or contracts on a competitive basis to those providers, based on recommendations of a youth council.
- (d) Consistent with section 2842 of the federal Act, identify eligible providers of training services described in section 2864(d)(4) of the federal Act.
- (e) Subject to the approval of the chief elected official, develop a budget for the purpose of carrying out the duties of the local workforce investment board under section 2832 of the federal Act.
- (f) In partnership with the chief elected official, provide oversight of local programs of youth activities authorized under section 2854 of the federal Act, local employment and training activities authorized under section 2864 of the federal Act and the one-stop delivery system in the local area.
- (g) With the chief elected official and the Governor, negotiate and reach agreement on local performance measures as described in section 2871(c) of the federal Act.
- (h) Coordinate the workforce investment activities authorized under the federal Act and carried out in the local area with economic development strategies and develop other employer linkages with such activities.
 - (i) Promote the participation of private sector employers in the statewide workforce investment

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system and ensure the effective provision, through the system, of connecting, brokering and coaching activities, through intermediaries such as the one-stop operator in the local area or through other organizations, to assist such employers in meeting hiring needs.

- (2) In order to maintain the statewide workforce investment system that consists of regional workforce committees and to meet the requirements of the federal Act:
- (a) A local workforce investment board representing a local workforce investment area according to the Governor's designation pursuant to section 2831 of the federal Act meets the requirements of a regional workforce committee under ORS 660.315.
- (b) A strategic plan submitted by a local workforce investment board pursuant to section 2833 of the federal Act meets the strategic plan requirement for the workforce region in ORS 660.315.
- (3)(a) Subject to the availability of funding, each local workforce investment board shall form and meet periodically, but not less than annually, with a committee consisting of public and private sector members to develop, monitor, and adjust as necessary, the local workforce investment plan required under subsection (1)(a) of this section. The chairperson of the committee shall be a public sector member and shall be elected by the committee.
- (b) Private sector members of a committee created under this subsection shall be appointed by the chief elected official in the local area served by the committee.
- (c) Members of the committee shall include representatives of state agencies and local organizations that receive resources to participate in workforce and economic development including, but not limited to:
 - (A) The Department of Human Services;
- (B) School districts, education service districts, community colleges, state institutions of higher education and the Oregon Health and Science University;
- (C) The Oregon Business Development Department and local economic development entities;
 - (D) The Employment Department;
 - (E) The Bureau of Labor and Industries;
 - (F) Cities and counties within the local workforce investment area;
- (G) The community action agency network described in ORS 458.505;
- 30 (H) Labor organizations; and

- (I) Business and industry organizations.
- (d) The local workforce investment board shall collect and utilize labor market data and other information obtained from local businesses and economic development agencies to identify the industry sectors that have the greatest impact on employment in the local workforce investment area covered by the local workforce investment plan.
- (e) The data and information obtained by the local workforce investment board shall serve as the basis for the development of a strategy for inclusion in the local workforce investment plan that aligns local educational, training, economic and workforce development investments to maximize support for sources of a highly skilled workforce for the industry sectors identified under paragraph (d) of this subsection. The strategy developed shall focus on occupations that provide living wage jobs and opportunities for career advancement and be consistent with the requirements of subsection (1)(a) of this section and with section 2833 of the federal Act.
- (f) The local workforce investment board and members of the committee shall actively participate in the development of the strategy to be included in the local workforce invest-

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- (g) To the greatest extent possible, the local workforce investment plan developed under this subsection shall be integrated into plans required of participating public agencies that require the alignment of resources to maximize the return on investments in workforce development.
- (h) The local workforce investment plan that includes the strategy for alignment of resources developed under this subsection shall be submitted to the State Workforce Investment Board created as provided in ORS 660.321 for review and recommendation for approval by the Governor.
