

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

**Vote:** 4 - 0 - 1

**Yeas:** Beyer, Morse, Steiner Hayward, Hass

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** George

**Prepared By:** Victoria Cox, Administrator

**Meeting Dates:** 2/22, 2/23

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Governor and State Workforce Investment Board to convene advisory committee to study workforce development issues and impediments to job creation and report findings to interim legislative committees by November 15, 2012. Clarifies advisory committee is subcommittee of standing Workforce Investment Board. Adds information on current impediments to job creation in Oregon to Governor's report. Sunsets upon convening of 2013 legislative session. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Current state of Oregon's workforce development system
- Multiple programs and delivery systems lack alignment
- Focus on strategic direction specified by measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) advises the Governor on workforce matters. OWIB members represent private sector businesses, labor and state and local government. One of OWIB's chief responsibilities is to assist the Governor by developing a five-year strategic plan for Oregon's comprehensive workforce system. The system provides services including job placement and training for youth and adults, employment-related services for veterans, people with disabilities, migrant farm workers, limited English speakers and other Oregonians in need of special assistance. The system also serves employers by providing job listings and qualified applicants, as well as testing, screening and labor market information.

House Bill 4141A directs the Governor and OWIB to convene an advisory committee to study workforce development issues and impediments to job creation and develop recommendations to be considered for the 2013 session.