

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 4141

By COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, after line 2, insert:

2 “Whereas the per capita income rate in Oregon is the lowest among west coast states and lags
3 behind the national average; and

4 “Whereas the unemployment rate in Oregon continues to exceed the national average; and

5 “Whereas Oregon needs to attract more businesses to this state and to grow businesses from
6 within and having a skilled workforce is one of a number of factors businesses consider when de-
7 ciding where to locate; and

8 “Whereas Oregon, like the rest of the nation, is facing reductions in federal and state workforce
9 programs; and

10 “Whereas our current workforce system and economic development initiatives could be better
11 aligned and leveraged to deliver a workforce that meets business needs for skilled workers; and

12 “Whereas Oregonians could benefit from a more highly aligned and integrated workforce system;
13 and

14 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly and the public need a clear and global understanding of the
15 various workforce funding streams and the deployment and outcome of these investments; and

16 “Whereas Oregon has embarked on an effort to better target public investments in order to
17 improve public services, narrow the state’s wage gap, increase employment and end our ‘cycle of
18 scarcity’; and

19 “Whereas the State Workforce Investment Board is currently engaged in a strategic planning
20 process to create a set of strategies to guide the entire workforce system; and

21 “Whereas Oregon requires a further effort that looks at our entire workforce system, breaks
22 down silos, clarifies vision and outcomes and focuses on proven strategies for better results; now,
23 therefore.”

24 Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

25 **“SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Governor and the members of the State Workforce Investment
26 Board, or a subcommittee composed of members of the board designated by the board, shall
27 constitute an advisory committee that may develop initiatives related to workforce develop-
28 ment, including potential proposed legislation that may be introduced during the 2013 regular
29 session of the Legislative Assembly and potential federal waiver requests or other initiatives.**

30 **“(b) The advisory committee may develop potential proposed legislation, potential federal
31 waiver requests or other initiatives that:**

32 **“(A) Promote the creation of a highly skilled, high-wage workforce;**

33 **“(B) Increase the alignment of federal, state and local resources toward implementation
34 of the goals outlined in the State Unified Workforce Plan developed by the State Workforce
35 Investment Board under ORS 660.324;**

1 “(C) Increase alignment of federal, state and local resources to implement local strategic
2 workforce plans developed by local workforce investment boards to support the State Unified
3 Workforce Plan developed by the State Workforce Investment Board under ORS 660.324, job
4 creation, industry competitiveness, individual skill development and movement along career
5 pathways;

6 “(D) Increase accountability for achievement of common goals under the state and local
7 plans;

8 “(E) Increase coordination and enhance relations between institutions of higher educa-
9 tion, community colleges and labor and apprenticeship programs;

10 “(F) Increase alignment between workforce development and economic development ini-
11 tiatives;

12 “(G) Identify state and local metrics that measure progress toward plan goals and es-
13 tablish a mechanism for tracking progress;

14 “(H) Create greater transparency of budgeting at the state and local levels; and

15 “(I) Increase flexibility and responsiveness of local workforce investment boards.

16 “(c) In addition to developing potential proposed legislation, potential federal waiver re-
17 quests or other initiatives related to workforce development under paragraph (b) of this
18 subsection, the advisory committee shall consider the value of establishing a work-ready
19 community certification program and make recommendations for implementing the program
20 if appropriate.

21 “(d) In developing potential proposed legislation, potential federal waiver requests or
22 other initiatives under this subsection, the advisory committee shall consult with state
23 agencies that have workforce-related missions, organized labor, public and private sector
24 post-secondary education institutions, the business community, the public and local
25 workforce investment boards.

26 “(2) The advisory committee may submit recommendations for potential proposed legis-
27 lation, potential federal waiver requests or other initiatives to an interim committee of the
28 Legislative Assembly related to workforce development no later than December 31, 2012.

29 “(3)(a) The advisory committee shall submit a report on its workforce development ac-
30 tivities to the Legislative Assembly in the manner specified in ORS 192.245 no later than
31 January 15, 2013.

32 “(b) The advisory committee shall consult with a variety of Oregon businesses about po-
33 tential barriers to job creation and expansion in Oregon besides the lack of a skilled
34 workforce and shall include its findings in the report submitted to the Legislative Assembly
35 under this subsection.

36 “(4) Members of the advisory committee are not entitled to compensation or reimburse-
37 ment for expenses for service on the advisory committee.

38 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2012 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the
39 2013 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.

40 “SECTION 3. This 2012 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
41 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2012 Act takes effect
42 on its passage.”.