

House Bill 2689

Fact Sheet

Intent

House Bill 2689 is intended to create work-force training opportunities for Oregon teens aged 13-22. The Legislation will allow non-profit youth job development organizations, like Northwest Youth Corps, to enter cooperative work agreements with local and municipal entities. Currently, Northwest Youth Corps provides more than 1,000 critical, paid job training experiences each year through cooperative work agreements with Federal Land Management agencies. Not only do these programs address critical conservation needs on our public lands, they help train Oregon's workforce of tomorrow by providing Oregon youth with real world work experience and training. Participants earn high school credit, gain job skills, and earn a paid stipend for their participation.

Programs like Northwest Youth Corps are educational in nature. Northwest Youth Corps awards academic credit for their job training programs but they lack an employer/employee relationship with program participants. This excludes them from the procurement standards of most city, county, and municipal entities statewide. House Bill 2689 allows Oregon municipalities enter cooperative work agreements, like our Federal agencies do, with non-profit youth job development organizations that provide paid training experiences and academic credit to help Oregon youth succeed while benefiting our public lands.

How it works

House Bill 2689 is not a mandate. No municipalities are required to partner with non-profit youth job development programs. House Bill 2689 creates the legal ability for municipalities to partner cooperatively if it meets their community interest. The Bill requires partnering agencies and organizations to share responsibility for the development, execution, and accountability of each project's success, while providing flexibility in program design to meet community needs. The Bill allows accredited non-profit youth job development organizations to apply for Career and Technical Education grants and contains protections for the displacement, duplication, and replacement of private and public employees.

Why it is needed

In 2012, only one in four Oregonian's between the ages of 16-19 had access to a summer job or work experience. Passage of HB2689 will allow Oregon communities to collaboratively create paid summer job training opportunities for the next generation of Oregonians entering the workforce.



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