

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 4 - 0
Yeas:	Gallegos, Gorsek, Greenlick, Harker, Dembrow
Nays:	Gilliam, Huffman, Johnson, Whisnant
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/6, 3/25, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes State Apprenticeship Education and Training Fund (Fund) and continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Apprenticeship and Training Council for specified purposes. Requires contracting agency to pay into Fund \$500 for each \$1 million, or increment thereof, of public improvement contract price over \$1 million threshold. Exempts Department of Transportation projects with funds restricted by federal agencies or Oregon Constitution. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriateness of funding source
- Potential for increased project cost
- Estimate of \$1 million collected annually

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that \$500 payment applies to each increment of \$1 million of public improvement contract price over \$1 million threshold. Exempts Department of Transportation projects with funds restricted by federal agencies or Oregon Constitution.

BACKGROUND: Apprenticeship is occupational training that combines on-the-job experience with classroom instruction. Apprentice wages generally start at half the salary of journey workers during training, which lasts two to five years. In Oregon, apprenticeships are overseen by the Bureau of Labor and Industries Apprenticeship and Training Division.

House Bill 2727-A establishes the State Apprenticeship and Education Training Fund that is financed by contracting agency payments of \$500 for each \$1 million on public improvement contracts. Grants from the Fund are made to programs that directly provide career technical education for occupations prevalent in the construction and manufacturing industries.