

What is the Products of Individuals with Disabilities Law?

Passed unanimously in 1977 by both the Oregon House and Senate, the Products of Individuals with Disabilities Law is a proven tool to:

encourage and assist individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum personal independence through useful and productive gainful employment... thereby enhancing their dignity and capacity for self-support and minimizing their dependence on welfare and need for costly institutionalization (ORS 279.840).

The law requires Oregon Public Agencies to negotiate directly for purchases with select nonprofits called Qualified Rehabilitation Facilities (QRFs). In return, QRFs employ people with documented disabilities for at least 75% of all their hours of direct labor. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services oversees the law.



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The Products of
Individuals with
Disabilities Law:

A NET GAIN

Creating jobs for Oregonians with disabilities

- Increasing independence
- Reducing the need for public assistance
- Enabling them to be wage earners and taxpayers



Net public benefit per individual employed:

\$3,873

Measuring the Law's Success

SIGNIFICANT GAINS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

On any given day, thousands of Oregonians with disabilities work on public agency contracts through the Products of Individuals with Disabilities Law. In 2012, a national organization called SUPRA (the State Use Programs Association) conducted a study of the economic impact of their jobs.

Workers across the state were asked to respond to a survey about the effects of QRF employment upon their lives and their wallets. The results were independently tabulated by Mathew Greenwald & Associates, Inc. on behalf of SUPRA.

The results demonstrated that the law is more than meeting its original intent. QRF employment increased respondents' personal income by an average of 345%. They were also 33% more likely to have medical

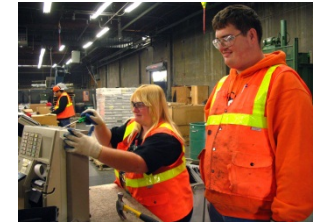
coverage, and their use of food stamps (SNAP) benefits fell by 52%.

SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

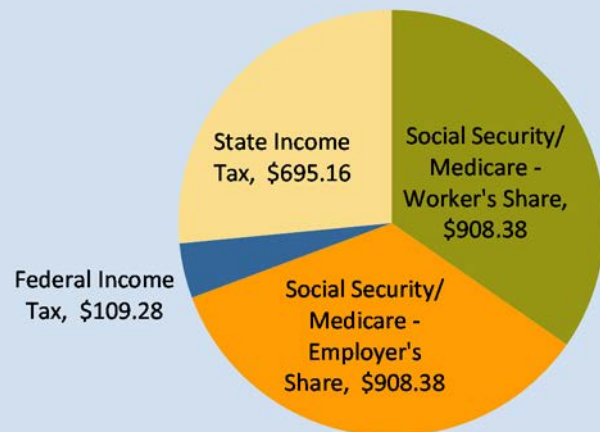
What's good for people with disabilities proved to be good for the public, as well. On average, each Oregonian with a disability employed by a QRF returned an annual net of \$3,873 to government through increased payroll taxes and/or reduced public benefits received.

Quality of life: effects of QRF employment upon 4,000+ Oregonians with disabilities

	Before QRF Employment	During QRF Employment
Employment rate for all respondents	32%	100%
Average wage (of those working)	\$9.43	\$10.13
% with health coverage	52%	85%



Increased tax payments per individual: \$2,621



Reduced public subsidies per individual: \$1,252

