

SB 1527

Relating to dislocated worker training program

Senate Bill 1527, as amended, directs Oregon Business Development Department to work with private or public entities to develop a pilot Dislocated Worker Training Program, intended to enable unemployed and underemployed engineers and other professionals gain additional training so they may be re-employed in Oregon in the bioscience and manufacturing traded sector industry.

OBDD is to work with businesses, educational institutions and traded sector industries in developing the program. The bill specifies that the program shall establish qualifications for applicants, recruit instructors, develop a system to track and report program results, establish program and curriculum guidelines, determine minimum standards for graduation, and devise a means for bioscience and manufacturing traded sector industries to hire graduates from the program.

OBDD and a representative of the program are required to report back to a committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2016.

The subcommittee is recommending adoption of the - A2 amendment which strikes language relating to a General Fund appropriation and instead provides a \$250,000 Lottery Funds allocation for the Dislocated Worker Training Program for related contractor expenses.

The Education Subcommittee recommends Senate Bill 1527 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.