

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Knopp, Kruse, Roblan, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs Oregon Business Development Department (Department) to contract with private or public entities to develop Dislocated Worker Training Program as pilot program to enable unemployed and underemployed engineers and industry professionals in bioscience and manufacturing sectors to be re-employed in Oregon. Mandates Department coordinate with local workforce investment boards. Requires report to Legislative Assembly on or before February 1, 2016. Appropriates moneys from General Fund to department for deposit in Industry Competitiveness Fund to implement program. Sunsets June 30, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Prevalence of technology-sector jobs in state
- Prevalence of mid-career professionals with considerable experience and training who are unemployed or underemployed. Examples include: software engineers, project managers, and other credentialed manufacturing, bioscience, and engineering professionals
- Pilot program focused on intense, industry-specific retraining; two weeks long, 100 participants; training material above typical level of community college courses
- Goal of moving citizens from being consumers of state support services to providing the state with revenue
- Concern with trend of private businesses receiving state funding for retraining programs

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Mandates that the Oregon Business Development Department coordinate with local workforce investment boards.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Business Development Department, also known as Business Oregon, provides support of economic and community development and cultural enhancement through administration of a variety of incentive programs, financial support, and technical assistance. It is governed by a nine-member commission, appointed by the Governor, with a mission to create, retain, expand and attract businesses that provide sustainable, living wage jobs for Oregonians.