

77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2014 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

MEASURE: SB 1566 A
CARRIER: Rep. Huffman

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Gallegos, Gilliam, Gorsek, Greenlick, Huffman, Johnson, Smith Warner, Whisnant, Harker
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Victoria Cox, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares state public policy to promote coordinated provision of education, employment, economic development, and job training services. Mandates inclusion of community colleges and public and private universities. Mandates that Governor appoint one member to State Workforce Investment Board who represents a local workforce investment board. Clarifies expectations delivery from state to agencies and local boards. Details requirements of local plan submitted to Governor. Describes appropriate labor market information activities. Assigns new duties to State Workforce Investment Board. Abolishes regional workforce committees. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of local and regional workforce investment entities
- Desire to provide more comprehensive services through WorkSource centers
- Clarification that measure effects administrative, not funding, changes
- Desire to better coordinate work of OWIB and community colleges

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In December, 2011 Governor Kitzhaber directed the Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) to update the workforce development system to achieve better outcomes for Oregon’s businesses and citizens. House Bill 4141 (2012) required a report on the status of the workforce system and recommendations for improvements. In response, OWIB adopted the Workforce Development Strategic Plan for 2012-2022. In 2013, a Workforce System Redesign Work Group (Work Group) was formed, consisting of leadership from the state workforce agencies, the Governor’s office, and representatives from local workforce investment boards. Public Financial Management (PFM) was contracted to identify and address barriers to achieving the mandates in the OWIB plan. PFM made 16 separate findings regarding the current state of the workforce system resulting in 20 recommendations. The Work Group adopted 15 recommendations to refer to OWIB to improve services for jobseekers and businesses.

Senate Bill 1566-A addresses PFM findings that the current workforce system suffers from a lack of clear governance by clarifying the role of OWIB as an oversight body for employment and other workforce development services. The measure provides the board the ability to enter into compacts for performance with the local service delivery system and eliminates long standing confusion regarding the difference between local and regional workforce investment boards.

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