

HB 2728

Relating to Oregon Talent Council

HB 2728 abolishes the Engineering and Technology Industry Council, creates the Oregon Talent Council within the Oregon Employment Department, and establishes the Oregon Talent Council Fund.

The Oregon Talent Council will have between seven to twenty-one members, including one representative from each of the following state agencies: Higher Education Coordinating Commission, State Workforce Investment Board, Oregon Business Development Department, Employment Department, and the STEM Investment Council.

Expenses for staff and support for the operations of the Oregon Talent Council are restricted to ten percent of the total amount appropriated by the Legislative Assembly.

The Subcommittee recommends an amendment to the measure which strikes the \$15 million appropriation to the Employment Department and instead appropriates \$6,112,818 General Fund which will establish two permanent positions (1.65FTE) and support Oregon Talent Council investments in performance based contracts with deliverable timelines.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2728 be amended by the -A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.