

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/04/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 04/22, 05/04

**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Gallegos, Hayden, Johnson, McKeown, Nearman, Read, Reardon, Whisnant, Williamson

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes State Apprenticeship and Training Council to make exceptions to apprentice wage schedule, journeyworker hourly wage rate or minimum ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices to accommodate Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) training programs and apprenticeships. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Apprenticeship programs for incarcerated youth
- Need for OYA programs to have same flexibility as Department of Corrections (DOC) programs
- Measure necessary to allow youth to obtain and transfer credit for apprenticeship hours

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Currently, the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council (OSATC) may make exceptions to the apprentice wage schedule and journeyworker hourly wage rate, as it deems necessary or advisable, to further the operation of apprenticeships and training programs for the Department of Corrections.

Senate Bill 240 allows OSATC to make these changes for programs offered by OYA as it currently does for programs offered by DOC.