

Senate Bill 240

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Permits State Apprenticeship and Training Council to make exceptions to apprentice wage schedule, and to minimum numeric ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices, to further operation of apprenticeship and training programs in Oregon Youth Authority institutions.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to apprenticeship programs in Oregon Youth Authority institutions; amending ORS 660.142;
3 and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 660.142 is amended to read:

6 660.142. (1) A training agent may not pay an apprentice at a rate less than that obtained by
7 applying the schedule, set forth in the applicable standards, at the apprentice's level of apprentice-
8 ship, to the journeyworker hourly rate of wage currently in effect for journeyworkers in the occu-
9 pation for which the apprentice is being trained, as determined by the appropriate local joint
10 committee.

11 (2) The journeyworker hourly wage rate shall be the average hourly wage currently being paid
12 by the training agents participating in a program to their skilled workers, that is, to those employ-
13 ees with demonstrated knowledge, experience and proficiency in that trade or occupation who are
14 currently performing the type of work for which the apprentice is to be trained. Upon receipt of a
15 committee's determination of its current journeyworker hourly rate of wage, the State Director of
16 Apprenticeship and Training shall cause notice of the determination to be promptly mailed to all
17 apprentices and training agents participating in the program. The determination shall be in effect
18 from the date set forth in the determination or, lacking such date, from the first of the month fol-
19 lowing the mailing of the determination. However, neither the wage determination nor the effective
20 date alters the terms or effect of an existing collective bargaining agreement.

21 (3) If a higher journeyworker hourly wage rate is prescribed by federal or state law for work
22 on a particular project, the higher rate is controlling for purposes of determining apprentice wages
23 applicable to that particular project.

24 (4) Nothing stated in ORS 660.002 to 660.210 shall be construed to supersede the minimum wage
25 or overtime provisions of ORS chapters 652 and 653, or the rules adopted under ORS chapter 652
26 or 653. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, the entry wage (that wage derived by applying
27 the lowest percentage on the schedule to the current journeyworker hourly wage rate) may not be
28 less than the federal or state minimum wage rate, whichever is higher.

29 (5) The State Apprenticeship and Training Council may make such exceptions to the apprentice

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 wage schedule or journeyworker hourly wage rate, and to the minimum numeric ratio of
2 journeyworkers to apprentices, as it deems necessary or advisable to further the operation of ap-
3 prenticeship and training programs in Department of Corrections **and Oregon Youth Authority**
4 institutions.

5 **SECTION 2. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
6 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
7 **on its passage.**

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