

SB 440 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to consult with the Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to prepare an annual list of high-wage and high-demand jobs in the state, the projected need for those jobs, the projected salary for those jobs, the training programs or college programs that can lead to those jobs, and the projected costs associated with said training or college programs. Requires ODE to distribute the list to school districts and award grants to districts to ensure that the list is distributed to students in grades 9 through 12. Appropriates \$5 million to ODE for the purpose of funding this bill. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Importance of employment information in students' decision-making processes
- High-paying industries in Oregon
- Regional differences within Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Removes emergency clause. Removes requirement for ODE to consult with the Bureau of Labor and Industries and adds requirement for ODE to consult with the Employment Department. Adds effective date 91 days after the 2017 legislative session adjourns sine die.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Employment Department publishes employment data, including lists of high-wage, high-demand jobs in each area of the state and for the state as a whole. The bill requires the Oregon Department of Education to give this information to students making decisions about colleges and careers.