

HB 2531 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$5,000,000 from General Fund to Oregon Workforce Investment Board for Worksystems, Inc. for training and case management of 1,000 potential job applicants in East Portland and East Multnomah County in advanced electronics, advanced metal and machinery manufacturing and distribution. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Worksystems, Inc. is one of Oregon's nine local workforce boards (ORS 660.327), charged with coordinating federal Workforce Investment Opportunity Act activities, and connecting, brokering and promoting private sector employers' involvement in one-stop employment centers. The public/private partnership convenes employers, labor groups, government, community colleges, high schools, community-based and economic development organizations to design workforce development programs and services, and to pursue and invest resources to improve workforce quality. Worksystems, Inc. serves the City of Portland, and Multnomah and Washington counties.

House Bill 2531 would leverage a 50 percent federal match through the WorkSource Oregon Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) 50/50 program to provide training and employment services in targeted sectors to SNAP recipients.