

HB 3340 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to collaborate with the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to prepare materials in written or electronic form regarding apprenticeship opportunities. Requires ODE to provide materials on apprenticeship programs to public high schools. Requires distribution of materials to both students and parents or guardians when high schools provide information related to higher education opportunities to students.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Lucrative opportunities in skilled trades and the benefits of apprenticeship programs
- Lack of qualified individuals in skilled trades
- Ensures that guidance counselors have information on BOLI certified apprenticeships
- Salaries and benefits of welder programs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Over 6,500 apprentices currently work in the State of Oregon under the Apprenticeship and Training Division at the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). Apprenticeships provide supervised on the job training experience with classroom instruction. Information about apprenticeships is typically available on the BOLI website as well as at BOLI offices locations, local schools, community colleges, and the Oregon Employment Department offices. Typically apprenticeship positions are also listed in local newspapers and advertised at community organizations.

House Bill 3340-A requires the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) provide materials, in written or electronic form, on apprenticeship opportunities to high schools, and requires that high schools distribute this information when higher education materials are being presented to students.