

House Bill 2312

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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**.

Updates certain terms and references used throughout state law to conform with changes to federal law associated with enactment of federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Changes name of State Workforce Investment Board to State Workforce Development Board.

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to perform certain functions previously performed by Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to implementation of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; creating new
3 provisions; amending ORS 284.290, 284.294, 285C.050, 329.850, 350.075, 350.150, 350.170, 413.231,
4 413.435, 418.658, 458.675, 461.740, 470.710, 657.345, 657.380, 657.610, 657.665, 657.710, 657.730,
5 657.734, 660.120, 660.300, 660.302, 660.312, 660.318, 660.321, 660.324, 660.327, 660.330, 660.333,
6 660.336, 660.339, 660.340, 660.343, 660.346, 660.349, 660.353, 660.358, 660.361, 660.364 and 678.425;
7 and declaring an emergency.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** ORS 284.290 is amended to read:

10 284.290. (1) The Oregon Talent Council is established. The Director of the Employment Depart-
11 ment, in consultation with the Governor or the Governor's designated representative, may appoint
12 the council members, the majority of whom must be senior executives of traded sector and high
13 growth industries in Oregon.

14 (2) The council shall have no fewer than seven and no more than 21 members.

15 (3) One representative of each of the following entities may serve as an ex officio member of the
16 council:

17 (a) Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

18 (b) State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board;

19 (c) Oregon Business Development Department;

20 (d) Employment Department; and

21 (e) STEM Investment Council.

22 (4) The council shall select one of its private sector members as a chairperson.

23 (5) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of busi-
24 ness.

25 (6) The council shall meet at least four times per fiscal year at a place, day and time determined
26 by the chairperson. The council may also meet at other times and places specified by a call of the
27 chairperson or by written request of a majority of the members of the council.

28 (7) The council may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the council.

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 (8) The council may establish committees and delegate to the committees duties the council
2 considers desirable.

3 (9) The Employment Department, in consultation with the council, may use up to 10 percent of
4 the amount appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for allocation to the council to employ staff
5 and support the operations of the council.

6 **SECTION 2.** ORS 284.294 is amended to read:

7 284.294. (1) The Oregon Talent Council shall develop a Talent Development Plan. The plan must
8 include identification of talent issues and trends related to selected Oregon traded sector and high
9 growth industries that are in strategic alignment with state and local workforce and economic pri-
10 orities. The plan must include recommendations to the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development**
11 Board, the STEM Investment Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission on train-
12 ing and education enhancements based upon the identified talent issues and trends.

13 (2) The Oregon Talent Council shall update the plan and the council’s recommendations every
14 biennium.

15 (3) Each year, the council shall report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly about the
16 plan.

17 **SECTION 3.** ORS 285C.050 is amended to read:

18 285C.050. As used in ORS 285C.050 to 285C.250, unless the context requires otherwise:

19 (1) “Assessment date” and “assessment year” have the meanings given those terms in ORS
20 308.007.

21 (2) “Authorized business firm” means an eligible business firm that has been authorized under
22 ORS 285C.140.

23 (3) “Business firm” means a person operating or conducting one or more trades or businesses,
24 a people’s utility district organized under ORS chapter 261 or a joint operating agency formed under
25 ORS chapter 262, but does not include any other governmental agency, municipal corporation or
26 nonprofit corporation.

27 (4) “County average annual wage” means:

28 (a) The most recently available average annual covered payroll for the county in which the en-
29 terprise zone is located, as determined by the Employment Department; or

30 (b) If the enterprise zone is located in more than one county, the highest county average annual
31 wage as determined under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

32 (5) “Electronic commerce” means engaging in commercial or retail transactions predominantly
33 over the Internet or a computer network, utilizing the Internet as a platform for transacting busi-
34 ness, or facilitating the use of the Internet by other persons for business transactions, and may be
35 further defined by the Oregon Business Development Department by rule.

36 (6) “Eligible business firm” means a firm engaged in an activity described under ORS 285C.135
37 that may file an application for authorization under ORS 285C.140.

38 (7) “Employee” means a person who works more than 32 hours per week, but does not include
39 a person with a temporary or seasonal job or a person hired solely to construct qualified property.

40 (8) “Enterprise zone” means one of the 30 areas designated or terminated and redesignated by
41 order of the Governor under ORS 284.160 (1987 Replacement Part) before October 3, 1989, one of the
42 areas designated by the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department under ORS
43 285C.080 before October 5, 2015, an area designated under ORS 285C.065, a federal enterprise zone
44 area designated under ORS 285C.085, an area designated under ORS 285C.250 or a reservation en-
45 terprise zone designated, or a reservation partnership zone cosponsored, under ORS 285C.306.

1 (9) “Federal enterprise zone” means any discrete area wholly or partially within this state that
 2 is designated as an empowerment zone, an enterprise community, a renewal community or some
 3 similar designation for purposes of improving the economic and community development of the area.

4 (10) “First-source hiring agreement” means an agreement between an authorized business firm
 5 and a publicly funded job training provider whereby the provider refers qualified candidates to the
 6 firm for new jobs and job openings in the firm.

7 (11) “In service” means being used or occupied or fully ready for use or occupancy for com-
 8 mercial purposes consistent with the intended operations of the business firm as described in the
 9 application for authorization.

10 (12) “Modification” means modernization, renovation or remodeling of an existing building,
 11 structure or real property machinery or equipment.

12 (13) “New employees hired by the firm”:

13 (a) Includes only those employees of an authorized business firm engaged for a majority of their
 14 time in eligible operations.

15 (b) Does not include individuals employed in a job or position that:

16 (A) Is created and first filled after December 31 of the first tax year in which qualified property
 17 of the firm is exempt under ORS 285C.175;

18 (B) Existed prior to the submission of the relevant application for authorization; or

19 (C) Is performed primarily at a location outside of the enterprise zone.

20 (14) “Publicly funded job training provider” includes but is not limited to a community college,
 21 a service provider under the federal Workforce [*Investment Act Title I-B (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*]
 22 **Innovation and Opportunity Act**, or a similar program.

23 (15) “Qualified business firm” means a business firm described in ORS 285C.200, the qualified
 24 property of which is exempt from property tax under ORS 285C.175.

25 (16) “Qualified property” means property described under ORS 285C.180.

26 (17) “Rural enterprise zone” means:

27 (a) An enterprise zone located in an area of this state in which an urban enterprise zone could
 28 not be located; or

29 (b) A reservation enterprise zone designated, or a reservation partnership zone cosponsored,
 30 under ORS 285C.306.

31 (18) “Sparsely populated county” means a county with a density of 100 or fewer persons per
 32 square mile, based on the most recently available population figure for the county from the Portland
 33 State University Population Research Center.

34 (19) “Sponsor” means:

35 (a) The city, county or port, or any combination of cities, counties or ports, that received ap-
 36 proval of an enterprise zone under ORS 284.150 and 284.160 (1987 Replacement Part), under ORS
 37 285C.080 before October 5, 2015, or under ORS 285C.085 or 285C.250 or that designated an enterprise
 38 zone under ORS 285C.065 or 285C.250;

39 (b) The tribal government, in the case of a reservation enterprise zone;

40 (c) The tribal government and the cosponsoring city, county or port, in the case of a reservation
 41 partnership zone; or

42 (d) A city, county or port that joined the enterprise zone through a boundary change under ORS
 43 285C.115 (6) or a port that joined the enterprise zone under ORS 285C.068.

44 (20) “Tax year” has the meaning given that term in ORS 308.007.

45 (21) “Urban enterprise zone” means an enterprise zone in a metropolitan statistical area, as

1 defined by the most recent federal decennial census, that is located inside a regional or metropolitan
2 urban growth boundary.

3 (22) “Year” has the meaning given that term in ORS 308.007.

4 **SECTION 4.** ORS 329.850 is amended to read:

5 329.850. (1) The Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, in consultation with the Department
6 of Education, the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*] **Higher Education**
7 **Coordinating Commission**, the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the Oregon Business Development
8 Department and the Department of Human Services, shall propose policies and strategies consistent
9 with this chapter.

10 (2) The Education and Workforce Policy Advisor’s policies and strategies must take into account
11 that:

12 (a) The state must promote innovative thinking with respect to the curriculum and educational
13 delivery system of Oregon public schools;

14 (b) The state must require of all youth a level of achievement that prepares them to pursue
15 college, career and technical education programs, apprenticeships, work-based training and school-
16 to-work programs;

17 (c) Greater employer investment is essential in the ongoing training of all workers to meet
18 workforce needs;

19 (d) The state must encourage Oregon businesses to improve productivity by creating high per-
20 formance work organizations that provide high skills and high wage opportunities for youth and
21 adults; and

22 (e) All employment-related training, education and job placement services and sources of funds
23 must be coordinated among state agencies and boards and must complement the state’s overall ef-
24 forts on behalf of youth and adults.

25 **SECTION 5.** ORS 350.075, as amended by section 5, chapter 30, Oregon Laws 2016, and section
26 55, chapter 117, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to read:

27 350.075. (1) As used in this section, “student access programs” means scholarship, loan, grant
28 and access programs described in ORS chapter 348.

29 (2) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall be guided by the legislative findings
30 in ORS 341.009, 350.001 and 350.005 and the goals and mission of post-secondary education set forth
31 in ORS 350.009 and 350.014.

32 (3) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall:

33 (a) Develop state goals for the state post-secondary education system, including community col-
34 leges and public universities listed in ORS 352.002, and for student access programs.

35 (b) Determine strategic investments in the state’s community colleges, public universities and
36 student access programs necessary to achieve state post-secondary education goals.

37 (c) Coordinate the post-secondary elements of data collection and structure, with the advice and
38 recommendation of the state’s independent institutions, community colleges and public universities,
39 as appropriate, in order to construct a state longitudinal data system.

40 (d) Adopt a strategic plan for achieving state post-secondary education goals, taking into con-
41 sideration the contributions of this state’s independent institutions, philanthropic organizations and
42 other organizations dedicated to helping Oregonians reach state goals. State post-secondary educa-
43 tion goals as described in this section should include, but need not be limited to:

44 (A) Increasing the educational attainment of the population;

45 (B) Increasing this state’s global economic competitiveness and the quality of life of its resi-

1 dents;

2 (C) Ensuring affordable access for qualified Oregon students at each college or public university;

3 (D) Removing barriers to on-time completion; and

4 (E) Tracking progress toward meeting the state's post-secondary education goals established in
5 the strategic plan described in this paragraph.

6 (e)(A) Each biennium, after receiving funding requests from the state's community colleges and
7 public universities as authorized by law, recommend to the Governor a consolidated higher educa-
8 tion agency request budget aligned with the strategic plan described in paragraph (d) of this sub-
9 section, including appropriations for:

10 (i) Student access programs;

11 (ii) Public universities listed in ORS 352.002, including but not limited to education and general
12 operations, statewide public services and state-funded debt service;

13 (iii) Community colleges, including but not limited to education and general operations and
14 state-funded debt service;

15 (iv) New facilities or programs;

16 (v) Capital improvements and deferred maintenance; and

17 (vi) Special initiatives and investments.

18 (B) In the development of the consolidated higher education agency request budget:

19 (i) Determine the costs necessary to provide quality post-secondary education;

20 (ii) Solicit input from educators, education policy experts, appropriate legislative committees,
21 students and other persons interested in the development of the funding model; and

22 (iii) Solicit public input regarding educational priorities.

23 (f) Adopt rules governing the distribution of appropriations from the Legislative Assembly to
24 community colleges, public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and student access programs. These
25 rules must be based on allocation formulas developed in consultation with the state's community
26 colleges and public universities, as appropriate.

27 (g) Approve or disapprove any significant change to the academic program of a community col-
28 lege or a public university listed in ORS 352.002. In reaching a decision under this paragraph, the
29 commission shall consider the recommendation from the community college or public university
30 seeking to make the change to an academic program that is issued pursuant to the obligation of the
31 governing board of a community college or public university to review and approve academic pro-
32 grams. The commission shall ensure that approved programs:

33 (A) Are consistent with the mission statement of the community college or public university;

34 (B) Do not unnecessarily duplicate academic programs offered by Oregon's other community
35 colleges or public universities;

36 (C) Are not located in a geographic area that will cause undue hardship to Oregon's other
37 community colleges or public universities; and

38 (D) Are allocated among Oregon's community colleges and public universities to maximize the
39 achievement of statewide needs and requirements.

40 (h) For public universities listed in ORS 352.002:

41 (A) Approve the mission statement adopted by a governing board of a public university.

42 (B) Review and determine whether a proposed annual increase of resident undergraduate en-
43 rollment fees of greater than five percent is appropriate.

44 (C) Advise the Governor and the Legislative Assembly on issues of university governance.

45 (D) Approve and authorize degrees.

- 1 (E) Perform the evaluation and certification required by ORS 350.095.
- 2 (i) Authorize degrees to be offered by independent post-secondary institutions in this state under
3 ORS 348.594 to 348.615.
- 4 (j) Oversee the licensing of career schools under ORS 345.010 to 345.450.
- 5 (k) Have the authority to enter into and administer interstate agreements regarding the pro-
6 vision of post-secondary distance education. The participation by an educational institution that is
7 not based in this state in distance learning courses or programs that are part of an interstate
8 agreement entered into and administered under this paragraph does not constitute operating in this
9 state for purposes of ORS 348.594 to 348.615. The commission, by rule, may impose a fee on any
10 educational institution that seeks to operate under or participate in such interstate agreements. The
11 fee amount shall be established to recover designated expenses incurred by the commission in par-
12 ticipating in such agreements.
- 13 (L) Coordinate and collaborate with the Chief Education Office as provided by section 1, chapter
14 519, Oregon Laws 2011.
- 15 (4)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall implement a process to resolve stu-
16 dent complaints against any school operating in this state. As part of the process implemented under
17 this subsection, the commission may:
- 18 (A) Receive student complaints from students regarding a school;
- 19 (B) Specify the type of information that must be included in a student complaint;
- 20 (C) Investigate any student complaint filed against a school;
- 21 (D) Establish a process to review and resolve student complaints against a school, including but
22 not limited to reviewing school records, holding administrative hearings and issuing final orders;
- 23 (E) Assess a fee to cover the costs of any proceeding brought under this subsection, including
24 but not limited to the costs of an investigation or administrative hearing;
- 25 (F) Require a school to make full or partial restitution to a student or to cease an act or prac-
26 tice that is challenged in a student complaint;
- 27 (G) Adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subsection; and
- 28 (H) Enter into agreements to implement the provisions of this subsection.
- 29 (b) Any hearing held under this subsection is subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 183.
- 30 (c) As used in this subsection:
- 31 (A) "School" means a school that meets the requirements of ORS 348.597 (2)(a); and
- 32 (B) "Student" means a person who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a school for the
33 purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential offered by that
34 school.
- 35 (5) In addition to the duties described in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Higher Edu-
36 cation Coordinating Commission shall advise the Legislative Assembly, the Governor, community
37 colleges, public universities and other state boards and commissions on policies in order to:
- 38 (a) Ensure or improve access to higher education by diverse and underserved populations.
- 39 (b) Encourage student success and completion initiatives.
- 40 (c) Improve the coordination of the provision of educational services, including:
- 41 (A) Transfers and coenrollment throughout the higher education system;
- 42 (B) Accelerated college credit programs for high school students;
- 43 (C) Applied baccalaureate and other transfer degrees;
- 44 (D) Programs and grants that span multiple institutions; and
- 45 (E) Reciprocity agreements with other states.

1 (d) In coordination with the State Board of Education, enhance the use and quality of dual
2 credit, career and technical pathways and efforts to create a culture of college attendance in this
3 state.

4 (e) In coordination with the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, local workforce
5 [*investment*] **development** boards, the Oregon Health and Science University and independent insti-
6 tutions, ensure that the state's colleges and universities offer programs in high-demand occupations
7 that meet Oregon's workforce needs.

8 (f) Improve economies of scale by encouraging and facilitating the use of the shared services
9 among post-secondary institutions in this state.

10 (6) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in a manner consistent with ORS chapter
11 183, may adopt administrative rules.

12 (7) With the exception of the rulemaking authority granted in subsection (6) of this section, the
13 Higher Education Coordinating Commission may delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to
14 a committee of the commission or to the executive director of the commission.

15 (8) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may establish technical or advisory com-
16 mittees to assist the commission in exercising its powers, duties and functions.

17 (9) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may exercise only powers, duties and func-
18 tions expressly granted by the Legislative Assembly. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law,
19 all other authorities reside at the institutional level with the respective boards of the post-secondary
20 institutions.

21 **SECTION 6.** ORS 350.075, as amended by section 61, chapter 774, Oregon Laws 2015, section
22 6, chapter 30, Oregon Laws 2016, and section 56, chapter 117, Oregon Laws 2016, is amended to
23 read:

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25 and access programs described in ORS chapter 348.

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27 in ORS 341.009, 350.001 and 350.005 and the goals and mission of post-secondary education set forth
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35 recommendation of the state's independent institutions, community colleges and public universities,
36 as appropriate, in order to construct a state longitudinal data system.

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44 (C) Ensuring affordable access for qualified Oregon students at each college or public university;

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1 (E) Tracking progress toward meeting the state's post-secondary education goals established in
2 the strategic plan described in this paragraph.

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21 community colleges, public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and student access programs. These
22 rules must be based on allocation formulas developed in consultation with the state's community
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25 lege or a public university listed in ORS 352.002. In reaching a decision under this paragraph, the
26 commission shall consider the recommendation from the community college or public university
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28 governing board of a community college or public university to review and approve academic pro-
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 5 agreement entered into and administered under this paragraph does not constitute operating in this
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10 (4)(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall implement a process to resolve stu-
 11 dent complaints against any school operating in this state. As part of the process implemented under
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16 (D) Establish a process to review and resolve student complaints against a school, including but
 17 not limited to reviewing school records, holding administrative hearings and issuing final orders;

18 (E) Assess a fee to cover the costs of any proceeding brought under this subsection, including
 19 but not limited to the costs of an investigation or administrative hearing;

20 (F) Require a school to make full or partial restitution to a student or to cease an act or prac-
 21 tice that is challenged in a student complaint;

22 (G) Adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subsection; and

23 (H) Enter into agreements to implement the provisions of this subsection.

24 (b) Any hearing held under this subsection is subject to the provisions of ORS chapter 183.

25 (c) As used in this subsection:

26 (A) "School" means a school that meets the requirements of ORS 348.597 (2)(a); and

27 (B) "Student" means a person who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment at a school for the
 28 purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate or other recognized educational credential offered by that
 29 school.

30 (5) In addition to the duties described in subsections (2) to (4) of this section, the Higher Edu-
 31 cation Coordinating Commission shall advise the Legislative Assembly, the Governor, community
 32 colleges, public universities and other state boards and commissions on policies in order to:

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34 (b) Encourage student success and completion initiatives.

35 (c) Improve the coordination of the provision of educational services, including:

36 (A) Transfers and coenrollment throughout the higher education system;

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 42 credit, career and technical pathways and efforts to create a culture of college attendance in this
 43 state.

44 (e) In coordination with the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, local workforce
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2 that meet Oregon's workforce needs.

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4 among post-secondary institutions in this state.

5 (6) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission, in a manner consistent with ORS chapter
6 183, may adopt administrative rules.

7 (7) With the exception of the rulemaking authority granted in subsection (6) of this section, the
8 Higher Education Coordinating Commission may delegate any of its powers, duties or functions to
9 a committee of the commission or to the executive director of the commission.

10 (8) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may establish technical or advisory com-
11 mittees to assist the commission in exercising its powers, duties and functions.

12 (9) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission may exercise only powers, duties and func-
13 tions expressly granted by the Legislative Assembly. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law,
14 all other authorities reside at the institutional level with the respective boards of the post-secondary
15 institutions.

16 **SECTION 7.** ORS 350.150 is amended to read:

17 350.150. (1) The Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development is established within
18 the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The office shall function under the direction and
19 control of the commission, with the Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce
20 Development serving as an administrative officer for community college matters.

21 (2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the commission may adopt any rules
22 necessary for the effective and efficient administration of the office or for the administration of laws
23 that the office is charged with administering.

24 (3) The commission, in consultation with **the State Workforce Development Board,**
25 **workforce partners** [*the office*] and the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor and pursuant to
26 ORS chapter 183, may adopt any rules necessary for the administration of laws related to the federal
27 Workforce [*Investment*] **Innovation and Opportunity** Act that the office **or commission** is charged
28 with administering.

29 **SECTION 8.** ORS 350.170 is amended to read:

30 350.170. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall establish by rule a process for
31 making grants or loans to public-private partnerships to provide advanced technology education and
32 training opportunities. The purpose of the grants and loans is to support the development and im-
33 plementation of public-private partnerships to provide advanced technology education and training
34 opportunities in all business and industry sectors for individuals in communities throughout Oregon.
35 The partnerships shall be between public and private entities and may include joint ventures among
36 business and industry, school districts, education service districts, eligible post-secondary insti-
37 tutions as defined in ORS 348.180 and public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109.

38 (2) A public-private partnership that receives a grant or loan under this section must provide
39 advanced technology education and training opportunities that:

40 (a) Address current and future workforce development needs dictated by Oregon's rapidly
41 changing economy;

42 (b) Facilitate sustainable and dynamic economic development in communities by creating flexible
43 opportunities for workforce development;

44 (c) Establish results oriented, collaborative investments of public and private resources in com-
45 munities throughout Oregon;

1 (d) Ensure that Oregon’s capacity for economic growth and vitality is not limited by a lack of
 2 opportunities for workforce development; and

3 (e) Provide support to existing community efforts to establish innovative strategies for delivering
 4 advanced technology education and training.

5 (3) The process established by the commission for making grants and loans shall ensure that:

6 (a) Local communities are informed about the availability of the grants and loans;

7 (b) Advanced technology education and training projects are geographically distributed
 8 throughout Oregon;

9 (c) There is equal opportunity for urban and rural access to quality education and training op-
 10 portunities;

11 (d) Representatives of related, ongoing community efforts assist in the implementation of ad-
 12 vanced technology education and training projects; and

13 (e) Procedures and timelines are designed to minimize barriers to receiving funds.

14 (4) When considering applications for grants and loans, the Office of Community Colleges and
 15 Workforce Development shall give priority to advanced technology education and training projects
 16 that:

17 (a) Provide or increase access for individuals to advanced technology education and training
 18 through the efforts of local and regional career centers and partnerships and distance education
 19 technology available locally and regionally;

20 (b) In combination with other projects receiving funds, contribute to advanced technology edu-
 21 cation and training opportunities in every part of the state;

22 (c) Use federal funds;

23 (d) Have widespread community support as evidenced by a memorandum of agreement or similar
 24 documentation;

25 (e) Represent an effective sharing of resources through public-private partnerships among busi-
 26 ness and industry, school districts, education service districts, eligible post-secondary institutions
 27 as defined in ORS 348.180 and public bodies as defined in ORS 174.109;

28 (f) Have a long-term strategic plan and lack only the necessary financial resources;

29 (g) Provide state-of-the-art technology that meets current standards of business and industry and
 30 addresses local and regional economic development priorities;

31 (h) Help individuals connect education and training with career planning and job opportunities
 32 through local and regional career centers as implemented under the federal Workforce *[Investment]*
 33 **Innovation and Opportunity Act**;

34 (i) Provide articulated education programs that lead to a degree or an industry-specific skills
 35 certification; and

36 (j) Establish short-term training programs that meet the immediate needs of local employers in
 37 their communities.

38 (5)(a) A public-private partnership awarded a grant or loan under this section shall use the grant
 39 or loan for any of the following:

40 (A) Infrastructure construction or reconstruction.

41 (B) Equipment or technology purchases.

42 (C) Curriculum development.

43 (D) Expansion or revision of a current project to increase the capacity of the project, alter the
 44 project plan, change the members of the partnership or address education or employment deficien-
 45 cies in the community served by the public-private partnership.

1 (b) A grant or loan awarded under this section for the purpose described in paragraph (a)(D)
 2 of this subsection may not exceed \$25,000.

3 (6) The application for a grant or loan under this section shall include:

- 4 (a) The names of the members of the public-private partnership;
- 5 (b) A description of standards used to assess the performance of the project;
- 6 (c) An estimate of the number of individuals who will be served by the project;
- 7 (d) The name of the fiscal agent of the public-private partnership;
- 8 (e) A project plan covering at least the first two years after receipt of a grant or loan; and
- 9 (f) The name of the person who will be responsible for convening the public-private partnership
 10 on a regular basis.

11 (7) The commission may accept contributions of funds and assistance from the United States
 12 Government or its agencies or from any other source, public or private, and agree to conditions
 13 placed on the funds not inconsistent with the purposes of this section.

14 (8) Any moneys received by the commission through repayment of a loan awarded under this
 15 section, or received by the commission under subsection (7) of this section, shall be deposited by the
 16 commission in the Advanced Technology Education and Training Fund established under ORS
 17 350.165.

18 **SECTION 9.** ORS 413.231 is amended to read:

19 413.231. The Oregon Health Authority, through the Health Care Workforce Committee created
 20 pursuant to ORS 413.017, shall work with interested parties, which may include Travel Oregon, the
 21 State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, medical schools, physician organizations, hospi-
 22 tals, county and city officials, local chambers of commerce, organizations that promote Oregon or
 23 local communities in Oregon, and organizations that recruit health care professionals, to develop a
 24 strategic plan for recruiting primary care providers to Oregon. The strategic plan must address:

- 25 (1) Best recruitment practices and existing recruitment programs;
- 26 (2) Development of materials and information promoting Oregon as a desirable place for primary
 27 care providers to live and work;
- 28 (3) Development of a pilot program to promote coordinated visiting and recruitment opportu-
 29 nities for primary care providers;
- 30 (4) Potential funding opportunities; and
- 31 (5) The best entities to implement the strategic plan.

32 **SECTION 10.** ORS 413.435 is amended to read:

33 413.435. (1) The Oregon Health Authority, in collaboration with the State Workforce
 34 [*Investment*] **Development** Board, shall convene a work group to develop standards for administra-
 35 tive requirements for student placement in clinical training settings in Oregon. The work group may
 36 include representatives of:

- 37 (a) State education agencies;
- 38 (b) A public educational institution offering health care professional training;
- 39 (c) Independent or proprietary educational institutions offering health care professional training;
- 40 (d) An employer of health care professionals; and
- 41 (e) The Health Care Workforce Committee established under ORS 413.017.

42 (2)(a) The work group shall develop standards for:

- 43 (A) Drug screening;
- 44 (B) Immunizations;
- 45 (C) Criminal records checks;

1 (D) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act orientation; and

2 (E) Other standards as the work group deems necessary.

3 (b) The standards must apply to students of nursing and allied health professions. The standards
4 may apply to students of other health professions.

5 (c) The standards must pertain to clinical training in settings including but not limited to hos-
6 pitals and ambulatory surgical centers, as those terms are defined in ORS 442.015.

7 (3) The work group shall make recommendations on the standards developed under this section
8 and the initial and ongoing implementation of the standards to the Oregon Health Policy Board es-
9 tablished in ORS 413.006.

10 (4) The authority may establish by rule standards for student placement in clinical training
11 settings that incorporate the standards developed under this section and approved by the Oregon
12 Health Policy Board.

13 **SECTION 11.** ORS 418.658 is amended to read:

14 418.658. (1) The program director of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps shall establish a
15 separate program known as the Oregon Community Stewardship Corps. In addition to the estab-
16 lished purposes of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, the purpose of the Oregon Community
17 Stewardship Corps is to promote community service activities throughout the state for a broad cross
18 section of Oregon disadvantaged and at-risk youth through programs that also include appropriate
19 educational and job training opportunities for participants.

20 (2) In addition to projects submitted under ORS 418.660 (1), projects of the Oregon Community
21 Stewardship Corps may include, but shall not be limited to:

22 (a) Child care services.

23 (b) Elderly and disabled care services.

24 (c) Literacy education programs.

25 (d) Recycling and other waste reduction services.

26 (3) The Oregon Community Stewardship Corps shall offer employment and educational opportu-
27 nities of at least three but not more than 12 months' duration for selected participants.

28 (4) Under rules adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, participants who
29 successfully complete any 12-month program under this section shall be eligible for \$1,500 in tuition
30 vouchers that can be used at any career school or post-secondary educational institution that is
31 qualified to receive assistance through the Executive Director of the Office of Student Access and
32 Completion.

33 (5) All Oregonians who are at least 13 years of age and under 25 years of age are eligible to
34 participate in the program. To ensure that Oregon Community Stewardship Corps participants rep-
35 resent a broad cross section of Oregonians, special emphasis shall be given to recruiting school
36 dropouts and other disadvantaged and at-risk youth, according to criteria established by the Oregon
37 Youth Conservation Corps Advisory Committee.

38 (6) To the extent practicable, the program director shall enlist state and federal agencies, local
39 government, nonprofit organizations and private businesses, and any combination of such entities,
40 to act as sponsors for programs administered under this section. Selection of sponsors shall be based
41 on criteria that include the following:

42 (a) The availability of other resources on a matching basis, including contributions from private
43 sources, other federal, state and local agencies, and moneys available through the federal Workforce
44 [*Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act**;

45 (b) The provision of related educational and job training programs to participants, including but

1 not limited to school and college coursework, General Educational Development (GED) tests equiv-
 2 alency training, project-related education and professional training;

3 (c) Assurances that proposed projects will not displace existing employees or duplicate existing
 4 private or government programs; and

5 (d) Assurances that proposed projects are devoted to the enhancement of the community and are
 6 not based in maintenance activities and that these projects meet an identified need.

7 (7) In consultation with the advisory committee [*and the Director of the Office of Community*
 8 *Colleges and Workforce Development*], the program director shall make grants for programs admin-
 9 istered under this section.

10 **SECTION 12.** ORS 458.675 is amended to read:

11 458.675. The Legislative Assembly finds that:

12 (1) The problem of poverty will not be solved solely by government programs and income sub-
 13 sidies.

14 (2) Family economic well-being does not come solely from income, spending or consumption, but
 15 instead requires savings, investment and the accumulation of assets.

16 (3) It is appropriate for the state to institute an asset-based antipoverty strategy.

17 (4) The state has an opportunity to take advantage of private and federal resources by making
 18 the transition to an asset-based antipoverty strategy. Those resources include, but are not limited
 19 to, the Assets for Independence Act (42 U.S.C. 604) and the Workforce [*Investment Act (P.L.*
 20 *105-220)*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)**.

21 (5) Investment through an individual development account system will help lower income
 22 households obtain the assets they need to succeed. Communities and this state will experience re-
 23 sultant economic and social benefits accruing from the promotion of job training and higher educa-
 24 tion, home ownership and small business development.

25 (6) It is desirable for this state to enact legislation that enables an authorized fiduciary organ-
 26 ization sufficient flexibility to receive private, state and federal moneys for individual development
 27 accounts. The Legislative Assembly should periodically review the provisions of ORS 458.675 to
 28 458.700 to ensure that this state maximizes the receipt of available federal moneys for individual
 29 development accounts.

30 **SECTION 13.** ORS 461.740 is amended to read:

31 461.740. (1) It is the policy of the State of Oregon that any firm receiving benefit from state
 32 lottery-funded programs should undertake a good faith effort to hire and retain as employees low-
 33 income individuals who have received job training assistance from publicly funded job training pro-
 34 viders.

35 (2) The Oregon Business Development Department may require any firm receiving benefit from
 36 state lottery-funded programs the department administers to enter into a first-source hiring agree-
 37 ment with publicly funded job training providers.

38 (3) Publicly funded job training providers shall coordinate their services and establish an
 39 agreement outlining the process by which they will respond to firms receiving benefit. This agree-
 40 ment shall be submitted to the department for its review and approval.

41 (4) As used in this section:

42 (a) "Firm receiving benefit" means any business that benefits directly or substantially from any
 43 program financed by state lottery funds and is certified as such a firm by the state agency that ad-
 44 ministers the lottery-funded program.

45 (b) "First-source hiring agreement" means an agreement between a firm receiving benefits and

1 a publicly funded job training provider whereby the job provider refers qualified candidates to the
2 firm for new jobs and job openings, excluding professional, managerial, technical and seasonal posi-
3 tions which the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department determines cannot be
4 filled by persons likely to be referred by publicly funded job training providers.

5 (c) "Publicly funded job training provider" includes, but is not limited to, community colleges,
6 service providers under the federal Workforce [*Investment Act Title I-B (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*] **In-**
7 **novation and Opportunity Act** and other similar programs.

8 **SECTION 14.** ORS 470.710 is amended to read:

9 470.710. (1) The State Department of Energy shall collaborate with the State Workforce [*In-*
10 *vestment*] **Development** Board and other interested parties to identify opportunities for apprentice-
11 ship and for job training and development that would further the goals of ORS 470.500 to 470.710
12 and provide valuable skills to Oregon workers.

13 (2) In adopting any rules for carrying out apprenticeship and job training and development under
14 the energy efficiency and sustainable technology loan program, the department and the board shall
15 consult with representatives from:

- 16 (a) State workforce programs;
- 17 (b) Organized labor;
- 18 (c) The State Apprenticeship and Training Council;
- 19 (d) The Bureau of Labor and Industries; and
- 20 (e) Consumer advocacy organizations.

21 (3) In addition to consulting with entities described in subsection (2) of this section, in adopting
22 any rules for carrying out apprenticeship and job training and development under the energy effi-
23 ciency and sustainable technology loan program, the department and the board may seek input from
24 organizations representing construction contractors.

25 **SECTION 15.** ORS 657.345 is amended to read:

26 657.345. (1) Individuals who are identified as dislocated workers under the federal Workforce
27 [*Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act**, and implementing
28 regulations, and who attend training programs identified under the Act shall be considered to be in
29 approved career and technical training. The training shall be for occupations or skills for which
30 there are or are expected to be reasonable employment opportunities in the area or in another area
31 to which the individual is willing to relocate or which relate to the development of a self-
32 employment enterprise for which there is reasonable opportunity for success.

33 (2) In approving career and technical training for eligible dislocated workers who do not attend
34 training programs identified in subsection (1) of this section, the Director of the Employment De-
35 partment shall require:

36 (a) That the career and technical training relates to an occupation or skill for which there are,
37 or are expected to be, reasonable employment opportunities in this state or relates to the develop-
38 ment of a self-employment enterprise for which there is a reasonable opportunity for success.

39 (b) That the individual has the qualifications and aptitudes to successfully complete such career
40 and technical training.

41 **SECTION 16.** ORS 657.380 is amended to read:

42 657.380. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, for the purposes of ORS 657.370
43 to 657.390, an individual is unemployed and eligible to receive shared work benefits with respect to
44 any week if, in addition to meeting all other eligibility requirements of this chapter, the Director
45 of the Employment Department finds that:

1 (a) During the week the individual is employed as a member of an affected group in an approved
 2 plan that was approved prior to the week and is in effect for the week.

3 (b) During the week the individual's normal weekly hours of work were reduced, in accordance
 4 with an approved plan, at least 20 percent but not more than 40 percent, with a corresponding re-
 5 duction in wages.

6 (2) Shared work benefits may not be paid to an eligible individual in an amount greater than
 7 26 times the individual's weekly benefit amount of regular benefits.

8 (3) The total amount of regular benefits and shared work benefits paid to an individual in a
 9 benefit year may not exceed the total for the benefit year as provided in ORS 657.150 (5).

10 (4) An otherwise eligible individual may not be denied benefits under this section:

11 (a) Because of the application of any provision of this chapter relating to availability for work,
 12 active search for work or refusal to apply for or accept work from other than the individual's shared
 13 work employer.

14 (b) For participating in training to enhance the job skills of the individual, if the training is
 15 sponsored by the employer or funded under the federal Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C.*
 16 *2801 et seq.*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act**, and approved by the director.

17 **SECTION 17.** ORS 657.610 is amended to read:

18 657.610. The Director of the Employment Department may:

19 (1) For purposes of administration and control, and with the approval of the Governor, organize
 20 and reorganize the department in whatever manner the director considers appropriate to carry out
 21 the duties, functions and powers of the department.

22 (2) Appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the department, whether classified or un-
 23 classified, and prescribe their duties and compensation, subject to applicable provisions of the State
 24 Personnel Relations Law.

25 (3) Delegate to departmental officers and employees such responsibility and authority as the
 26 director determines necessary.

27 (4)(a) Determine all questions of general policy for this chapter;

28 (b) Adopt rules for this chapter; and

29 (c) Administer and enforce this chapter.

30 (5) Sue and be sued in the name of the director, and shall have a seal bearing the name of the
 31 Employment Department.

32 (6) Adopt proper rules to regulate the mode and manner of all investigations.

33 (7) Prescribe the time, place and manner of making claims for benefits under this chapter, the
 34 kind and character of notices required thereunder and the procedure for investigating and deciding
 35 claims.

36 (8) Enter into contracts relating to the federal Workforce [*Investment*] **Innovation and Oppor-**
 37 **tunity Act** deemed necessary by the director to fulfill the mission of the department. The director
 38 may enter into contracts with other states or governments, public bodies or persons to provide or
 39 receive services. Contracts entered into by the director shall be executed in the name of the state,
 40 by and through the Employment Department.

41 **SECTION 18.** ORS 657.665 is amended to read:

42 657.665. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) to (5) of this section, all information in the
 43 records of the Employment Department pertaining to the administration of the unemployment in-
 44 surance, employment service and labor market information programs:

45 (a) Is confidential and for the exclusive use and information of the Director of the Employment

1 Department in administering the unemployment insurance, employment service and labor market
2 information programs in Oregon.

3 (b) May not be used in any court action or in any proceeding pending in the court unless the
4 director or the state is a party to the action or proceeding or unless the proceeding concerns the
5 establishment, enforcement or modification of a support obligation and support services are being
6 provided by the Division of Child Support or the district attorney pursuant to ORS 25.080.

7 (c) Is exempt from disclosure under ORS 192.410 to 192.505.

8 (2) The Employment Department shall disclose information:

9 (a) To any claimant or legal representative, at a hearing before an administrative law judge, to
10 the extent necessary for the proper presentation of an unemployment insurance claim.

11 (b) Upon request to the United States Secretary of Labor. The Employment Department shall
12 disclose the information in a form and containing the information that the United States Secretary
13 of Labor may require. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other
14 purpose.

15 (c) Pursuant to section 303(a)(7) of the Social Security Act, upon request to any agency of the
16 United States charged with the administration of public works or assistance through public em-
17 ployment. Under this paragraph, the Employment Department shall disclose the name, address, or-
18 dinary occupation and employment status of each recipient of unemployment insurance benefits and
19 a statement of the recipient's right to further benefits under this chapter. The information disclosed
20 is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.

21 (d) Pursuant to section 303(c)(1) of the Social Security Act, to the Railroad Retirement Board.
22 Under this paragraph, the Employment Department shall disclose unemployment insurance records.
23 The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of
24 disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the board.

25 (e) Pursuant to section 303(d) of the Social Security Act, upon request to officers and employees
26 of the United States Department of Agriculture and to officers or employees of any state Supple-
27 mental Nutrition Assistance Program agency for the purpose of determining an individual's eligibil-
28 ity for or the amount of supplemental nutrition assistance. The information disclosed is confidential
29 and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph
30 shall be paid by the United States Department of Agriculture.

31 (f) Pursuant to section 303(e)(1) and (2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act, to state or local child
32 support enforcement agencies enforcing child support obligations under Title IV-D of the Social Se-
33 curity Act for the purposes of establishing child support obligations, locating individuals owing child
34 support obligations and collecting child support obligations from those individuals. The information
35 disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing infor-
36 mation under this paragraph shall be paid by the child support enforcement agency.

37 (g) Pursuant to sections 303(f) and 1137 of the Social Security Act, to agencies participating in
38 the income and eligibility verification system for the purpose of verifying an individual's eligibility
39 for benefits, or the amount of benefits, under unemployment insurance, temporary assistance for
40 needy families, Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Supplemental Security
41 Income, child support enforcement or Social Security programs. The information disclosed is confi-
42 dential and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this
43 paragraph shall be paid by the requesting agency.

44 (h) Pursuant to section 303(h) of the Social Security Act and section 3304(a)(16)(B) of the Federal
45 Unemployment Tax Act, to the United States Department of Health and Human Services National

1 Directory of New Hires. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other
2 purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States
3 Department of Health and Human Services.

4 (i) Pursuant to section 303(i) of the Social Security Act, to officers and employees of the United
5 States Department of Housing and Urban Development and to representatives of a public housing
6 agency for the purpose of determining an individual's eligibility for benefits, or the amount of ben-
7 efits, under a housing assistance program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban
8 Development. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.
9 The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the United States De-
10 partment of Housing and Urban Development or the public housing agency.

11 (j) Pursuant to regulations of the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services issued
12 under section 3304(a)(16)(A) of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, and except as required by sec-
13 tion 303 of the Social Security Act, to the state, a political subdivision or a federally recognized
14 Indian tribe that has signed an agreement with the Department of Human Services to administer
15 Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act for the purpose of determining an individual's eligibility
16 for assistance, or the amount of assistance, under a program funded under Part A of Title IV of the
17 Social Security Act. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other
18 purpose.

19 (k) Upon request, to the United States Attorney's Office. Under this paragraph, the Employment
20 Department may disclose an individual's employment and wage information in response to a federal
21 grand jury subpoena or for the purpose of collecting civil and criminal judgments, including
22 restitution and special assessment fees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be
23 used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid
24 by the United States Attorney's Office.

25 (3) The Employment Department may disclose information secured from employing units:

26 (a) To agencies of this state, federal agencies and local government agencies to the extent nec-
27 essary to properly carry out governmental planning, performance measurement, program analysis,
28 socioeconomic analysis and policy analysis functions performed under applicable law. The informa-
29 tion disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the agencies in any manner that would
30 identify individuals, claimants, employees or employing units. If the information disclosed under this
31 paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the
32 information shall be paid by the agency requesting the information.

33 (b) As part of a geographic information system. Points on a map may be used to represent eco-
34 nomic data, including the location, employment size class and industrial classification of businesses
35 in Oregon. Information presented as part of a geographic information system may not give specific
36 details regarding a business's address, actual employment or proprietary information. If the infor-
37 mation disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department,
38 the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the party requesting the information.

39 (c) In accordance with ORS 657.673.

40 (4) The Employment Department may:

41 (a) Disclose information to public employees in the performance of their duties under state or
42 federal laws relating to the payment of unemployment insurance benefits, the provision of employ-
43 ment services and the provision of labor market information.

44 (b) At the discretion of the Director of the Employment Department and subject to an intera-
45 gency agreement, disclose information to public officials in the performance of their official duties

1 administering or enforcing laws within their authority and to the agents or contractors of public
2 officials. The public official shall agree to assume responsibility for misuse of the information by
3 the official's agent or contractor.

4 (c) Disclose information pursuant to an informed consent, received from an employer or claim-
5 ant, to disclose the information.

6 (d) Disclose information to partners under the federal Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998*] **In-**
7 **novation and Opportunity Act** for the purpose of administering state workforce programs under
8 the Act. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The
9 costs of disclosing information under this paragraph shall be paid by the requesting partner.

10 (e) Disclose the names and addresses of employing units to the Bureau of Labor and Industries
11 for the purpose of disseminating information to employing units. The names and addresses disclosed
12 are confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this
13 paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the
14 information shall be paid by the bureau.

15 (f) Disclose information to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries for the
16 purpose of performing duties under ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870, 658.005 to 658.245 or 658.405 to
17 658.503 or ORS chapter 652, 653 or 659A. The information disclosed may include the names and ad-
18 dresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees. The information
19 disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. If the information disclosed
20 under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of dis-
21 closing the information shall be paid by the bureau.

22 (g) Disclose information required under ORS 657.660 (3) and (4) to the Public Employees Re-
23 tirement System for the purpose of determining the eligibility of members of the retirement system
24 for disability retirement allowances under ORS chapter 238. The information disclosed is confiden-
25 tial and may not be used for any other purpose. The costs of disclosing information under this par-
26 agraph shall be paid by the Public Employees Retirement System.

27 (h) Disclose to the Oregon Business Development Commission information required by the com-
28 mission in performing its duty under ORS 285A.050 to verify changes in employment levels following
29 direct employer participation in Oregon Business Development Department programs or indirect
30 participation through municipalities under ORS 285B.410 to 285B.482. The information disclosed to
31 the commission may include an employer's employment level, total subject wages payroll and whole
32 hours worked. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose.
33 The commission may not disclose the information in any manner that would identify an employing
34 unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission's duty under ORS
35 285A.050. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Em-
36 ployment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the commission.

37 (i) Disclose information to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of performing its duties
38 under ORS 293.250 or under the revenue and tax laws of this state. The information disclosed may
39 include the names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and
40 employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department
41 of Revenue in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent
42 necessary to carry out the department's duties under ORS 293.250 or in auditing or reviewing any
43 report or return required or permitted to be filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by
44 the department. The Department of Revenue may not disclose any information received to any pri-
45 vate collection agency or for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this paragraph

1 is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information
2 shall be paid by the Department of Revenue.

3 (j) Disclose information to the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the purpose
4 of performing its duties under ORS chapters 654 and 656. The information disclosed may include the
5 name, address, number of employees and industrial classification code of an employer and payroll
6 data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed
7 by the Department of Consumer and Business Services in any manner that would identify an em-
8 ploying unit or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the department's duties under
9 ORS chapters 654 and 656, including administrative hearings and court proceedings in which the
10 Department of Consumer and Business Services is a party. If the information disclosed under this
11 paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the
12 information shall be paid by the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

13 (k) Disclose information to the Construction Contractors Board for the purpose of performing
14 its duties under ORS chapter 701. The information disclosed to the board may include the names and
15 addresses of employers and status of their compliance with this chapter. If the information disclosed
16 under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of dis-
17 closing the information shall be paid by the board.

18 (L) Disclose information to the State Fire Marshal to assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying
19 out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414. The information disclosed may include the name, address,
20 telephone number and industrial classification code of an employer. The information disclosed is
21 confidential and may not be disclosed by the State Fire Marshal in any manner that would identify
22 an employing unit except to the extent necessary to carry out duties under ORS 453.307 to 453.414.
23 If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment
24 Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the office of the State Fire
25 Marshal.

26 (m) Disclose information to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for the purpose of
27 performing the commission's duties under ORS chapter 348 and Title IV of the Higher Education
28 Act of 1965. The information disclosed may include the names and addresses of employers and em-
29 ployees and payroll data of employers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and
30 may not be disclosed by the commission in any manner that would identify an employing unit or
31 employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission's duties under ORS chapter
32 348 or Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. If the information disclosed under this para-
33 graph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the infor-
34 mation shall be paid by the commission.

35 (n) Disclose information to the Department of Transportation to assist the Department of
36 Transportation in carrying out the duties of the Department of Transportation relating to collection
37 of delinquent and liquidated debts, including taxes, under ORS 184.610 to 184.656, 184.670 to 184.733
38 and 805.263, ORS chapter 319 and the Oregon Vehicle Code. The information disclosed may include
39 the names and addresses of employers and employees and payroll data of employers and employees.
40 The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Department of Transpor-
41 tation in any manner that would identify an employing unit or employee except to the extent nec-
42 essary to carry out the Department of Transportation's duties relating to collection of delinquent
43 and liquidated debts or in auditing or reviewing any report or return required or permitted to be
44 filed under the revenue and tax laws administered by the Department of Transportation. The De-
45 partment of Transportation may not disclose any information received to any private collection

1 agency or for any other purpose. If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared
2 for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by
3 the Department of Transportation.

4 (o) Disclose information to the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority
5 to assist the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority in the collection of
6 debts that the Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority are authorized by
7 law to collect. The information disclosed may include the names, addresses and payroll data of em-
8 ployers and employees. The information disclosed is confidential and may not be disclosed by the
9 Department of Human Services or the Oregon Health Authority in a manner that would identify an
10 employing unit or employee except to the extent necessary for the collection of debts as described
11 in this paragraph. The Department of Human Services and the Oregon Health Authority may not
12 disclose information received under this paragraph to a private collection agency or use the infor-
13 mation for a purpose other than the collection of debts as described in this paragraph. If the infor-
14 mation disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department,
15 the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the Department of Human Services or the
16 Oregon Health Authority.

17 (p) Disclose to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission information required by the commission
18 in evaluating and measuring the performance of alcohol and drug prevention and treatment pro-
19 grams under ORS 430.242 or the impact of the programs on employment. The information disclosed
20 to the commission may include total subject wages payroll and whole hours worked. The information
21 disclosed under this paragraph is confidential and may not be used for any other purpose. The
22 commission may not disclose the information in any manner that would identify an employing unit
23 or employee except to the extent necessary to carry out the commission's duties under ORS 430.242.
24 If the information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment
25 Department, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the commission.

26 (q) Disclose to any person establishment level information secured pursuant to this chapter from
27 federal, state and local government employing units. If the information disclosed under this para-
28 graph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Department, the costs of disclosing the infor-
29 mation shall be paid by the party requesting the information.

30 (r) Disclose to any person the industrial classification code assigned to an employing unit. If the
31 information disclosed under this paragraph is not prepared for the use of the Employment Depart-
32 ment, the costs of disclosing the information shall be paid by the party requesting the information.

33 (5) The Employment Department may make public all decisions of the Employment Appeals
34 Board.

35 (6) Any officer appointed by or any employee of the Director of the Employment Department
36 who discloses confidential information, except with the authority of the director, pursuant to rules
37 or as otherwise required by law, may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment
38 with the Employment Department.

39 (7) Any person or any officer or employee of an entity to whom information is disclosed by the
40 Employment Department under this section who divulges or uses the information for any purpose
41 other than that specified in the provision of law or agreement authorizing the use or disclosure may
42 be disqualified from performing any service under contract or disqualified from holding any ap-
43 pointment or employment with the state agency that engaged or employed that person, officer or
44 employee. The Employment Department may immediately cancel or modify any information sharing
45 agreement with an entity when a person or an officer or employee of that entity discloses confi-

1 denial information, other than as specified in law or agreement.

2 **SECTION 19.** ORS 657.710 is amended to read:

3 657.710. (1) The Director of the Employment Department shall establish and maintain such free
4 public employment offices, including such branch or affiliate offices, as may be necessary for the
5 proper administration of this chapter and for participation in Oregon’s workforce [*investment*] **de-**
6 **velopment** system.

7 (2) The director may enter into such contracts or memoranda of understanding with designated
8 workforce [*investment*] **development** system partners, including but not limited to other states and
9 governments, government entities, state agencies, units of local government, intergovernmental en-
10 tities, community colleges and persons, as appropriate to administer the workforce [*investment*] **de-**
11 **velopment** system.

12 (3) The director may enter into contracts or memoranda of understanding to share confidential
13 information as authorized under federal law and regulations for purposes of a national performance
14 accounting system, including receiving and making available wage records to the extent the wage
15 records are required by another state to carry out that state’s workforce [*investment*] **development**
16 system performance plan.

17 (4) All moneys made available by or received by the state for the Oregon State Employment
18 Service shall be paid to and expended from the Unemployment Compensation Administration Fund.

19 (5) Each contracting agency shall provide to the director timely information pertinent to all
20 existing job vacancies over which the contracting agency exercises employment control and for
21 which there will be open recruitment. Such information shall be made available to the public by the
22 director. As used in this subsection, “contracting agency” has the meaning given that term in ORS
23 279A.010.

24 **SECTION 20.** ORS 657.730 is amended to read:

25 657.730. (1) As used in this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

26 (a) “Labor market analysis” means the measurement and evaluation of economic forces as they
27 relate to the employment process in the local labor market area. Variables affecting labor market
28 relationships include, but are not limited to, such factors as labor force changes and characteristics,
29 population changes and characteristics, occupational and industrial structure and development,
30 technological developments, shifts in consumer demand, volume and extent of unionization and trade
31 disputes, recruitment practices, wage levels, conditions of employment and training opportunities.

32 (b) “Labor market area” means an economically integrated geographic area within which indi-
33 viduals can reside and find employment within a reasonable distance or can readily change em-
34 ployment without changing their place of residence. Such areas shall be identified in accordance
35 with criteria used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor in
36 defining such areas or similar criteria established by the Director of the Employment Department.
37 The area generally takes the name of its community. The boundaries depend primarily on economic
38 and geographic factors. The State of Oregon is divided into labor market areas, which usually in-
39 clude a county or group of contiguous counties.

40 (c) “Labor market information” means the body of information generated from measurement and
41 evaluation of the socioeconomic factors and variables influencing the employment process in the
42 state and specific labor market areas. These socioeconomic factors and variables affect labor de-
43 mand and supply relationships and include:

44 (A) Labor force information, which includes but is not limited to employment, unemployment,
45 labor force participation, labor turnover and mobility, average hours and earnings and changes and

1 characteristics of the population and labor force within specific labor market areas and the state;

2 (B) Occupational information, which includes but is not limited to occupational supply and de-
 3 mand estimates and projections, characteristics of occupations, wage levels, job duties, training and
 4 education requirements, conditions of employment, unionization, retirement practices and training
 5 opportunities;

6 (C) Economic information, which includes but is not limited to number of business starts and
 7 stops by industry and labor market area, information on employment growth and decline by industry
 8 and labor market area, employer establishment data and number of union disputes and strikes by
 9 industry and labor market area; and

10 (D) Program information, which includes but is not limited to program participant or student
 11 information gathered in cooperation with other state and local agencies along with related labor
 12 market information to evaluate the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of state and local employ-
 13 ment, training, education and job creation efforts in support of planning, management, implementa-
 14 tion and evaluation.

15 (2) The Director of the Employment Department shall have the following duties:

16 (a) Oversight, operation and management of a statewide comprehensive labor market and occu-
 17 pational supply and demand information system, including development of a five-year employment
 18 forecast for state and labor market areas.

19 (b) Preparation of local labor market information packages for the state's workforce system, in-
 20 cluding special studies and job impact analyses in support of state and local employment, training,
 21 education and job creation programs, especially activities that prevent job loss, reduce unemploy-
 22 ment and create jobs.

23 (c) Coordination with other appropriate public agencies to improve employment estimates by
 24 enhancing data on corporate officers, improving business establishment listings, expanding samples
 25 for employment estimates and developing business entry or exit analysis relevant to the generation
 26 of occupational and economic forecasts.

27 (d) Production of long-term and occupational employment forecasts in cooperation with other
 28 appropriate agencies.

29 (e) Coordination with state workforce agencies as defined in ORS 660.300 to study ways to
 30 standardize federal and state multiagency administrative records, such as unemployment insurance
 31 information and other information to produce employment, training, education and economic analysis
 32 needed to improve labor market information products and services.

33 (f) Production of labor market information and economic analysis needed to facilitate the effi-
 34 cient and effective matching of the supply and demand of labor critical to an effective labor ex-
 35 change in Oregon. Information collected will be coordinated with other public agencies through
 36 cooperative data collection efforts for statistical analysis, research or studies including, but not
 37 limited to, agricultural labor supply and demand, high performance organizations, targeted industries
 38 programs, and industrial improvement and expansion.

39 (g) Administration of other appropriate labor market information activities including support of
 40 efforts by local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards, as defined in ORS 660.300, to align
 41 economic development, education and training with workforce development investments and services
 42 for job seekers and businesses to efficiently address local labor market needs and statewide
 43 workforce development priorities.

44 (3) To implement this section, the director shall have authority to:

45 (a) Establish rules and procedures to recover reasonable costs incurred in producing and pro-

1 viding:

2 (A) Labor market information products developed by the Employment Department in the ordi-
 3 nary course of business when the request results in costs over and above the ordinary costs of
 4 production including, but not limited to, special publication runs, photocopying or supplying the
 5 copy in some other medium; and

6 (B) Special labor market information products in response to individual requests that incur costs
 7 beyond the ordinary costs of doing business including, but not limited to, computer time, staff costs,
 8 preparation and distribution of surveys, electronic scanning, and special data collection, formatting
 9 and analysis. The director may enter into agreements with other public agencies to provide special
 10 labor market information products in a quid pro quo arrangement.

11 (b) Receive federal set aside funds from federal programs that are authorized to fund state and
 12 local labor market information and are required to use such information in support of their pro-
 13 grams.

14 (c) Enter into agreements for statistical analysis, research or evaluation studies of privately and
 15 publicly funded employment, training, education and economic development programs.

16 **SECTION 21.** ORS 657.734 is amended to read:

17 657.734. (1) As used in this section:

18 (a) "Public body" has the meaning given that term in ORS 192.410.

19 (b) "System participant" means:

20 (A) Mandatory partners under the federal Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998 (enacted as P.L.*
 21 *105-220 and codified as 29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.*)] **Innovation and Opportunity Act** and other one-stop
 22 system partners, which may include public bodies and private organizations; and

23 (B) Public bodies and private organizations that have been approved by the Director of the
 24 Employment Department, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, to par-
 25 ticipate in the Performance Reporting Information System.

26 (2) There is established the Performance Reporting Information System for the purpose of col-
 27 lecting, analyzing and sharing statistical and demographic data for the development and reporting
 28 of workforce system performance measures.

29 (3) The Performance Reporting Information System is intended to share the data described in
 30 subsection (2) of this section, by agreement, with all system participants.

31 (4) The Director of the Employment Department shall administer and, in consultation with the
 32 Education and Workforce Policy Advisor, oversee the development of the Performance Reporting
 33 Information System. System participants shall be designated as participants in the system by rule
 34 of the Employment Department, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor.
 35 A system participant shall enter into an interagency or other applicable agreement with the director
 36 that:

37 (a) Establishes protocols for the collection and sharing of data in the system;

38 (b) Establishes safeguards for protecting the confidentiality of data in the system;

39 (c) Includes provisions regarding informed consent for sharing information obtained from indi-
 40 viduals; and

41 (d) Provides for the sharing of costs for developing and maintaining the system.

42 (5)(a) All individual record information in the Performance Reporting Information System is
 43 confidential and may not be disclosed as a public record under the provisions of ORS 192.410 to
 44 192.505. As administrator of the system, the director may view all data or individual record infor-
 45 mation in the system. System participants may not allow public access to information received from

1 the system that identifies a particular individual unless required by law. System participants shall
 2 limit the disclosure of, or refuse to disclose, aggregate or summary level information when a small
 3 number of aggregated records or some other factor creates a reasonable risk that the identity of
 4 individuals may be discovered or disclosed.

5 (b) System participants shall provide information in a format that encodes identifying data, in-
 6 cluding the client's Social Security number, using a formula unique to the system participant. In
 7 disclosing Social Security numbers to the system, system participants shall comply with any state
 8 and federal laws that govern the collection and use of Social Security numbers by the system par-
 9 ticipant and any additional requirements specified by the director, in consultation with the Educa-
 10 tion and Workforce Policy Advisor, that are included in the agreement entered into under subsection
 11 (4) of this section.

12 (6) The information in the Performance Reporting Information System is not a public record for
 13 purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. For purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505, the information sub-
 14 mitted to the system and the information received from the system is a public record, and the
 15 custodian of such information is the system participant that submits or receives the information. If
 16 the system participant receiving the information is not a public body, the department shall keep a
 17 copy of the system information sent to that system participant and shall be the custodian of that
 18 copy for purposes of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. As custodian, the department shall limit the disclosure
 19 of, or refuse to disclose, aggregate or summary level information when a small number of aggregated
 20 records or some other factor creates a reasonable risk that the identity of individuals may be dis-
 21 covered or disclosed. The department shall refer all other requests for disclosure of system infor-
 22 mation to the public body that is the custodian of the information.

23 (7) The department may charge a reasonable fee under ORS 192.440 for the disclosure of reports
 24 containing only aggregate data to individuals, public bodies or private organizations.

25 (8) If a system participant prepares or acquires a record that is confidential under federal or
 26 state law, including ORS 192.502 (2), the system participant does not violate state confidentiality
 27 laws by providing the information described in this section to the Performance Reporting Informa-
 28 tion System. Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 279C.815 (4), 279C.850 (3), 657.665 and 660.339,
 29 the Bureau of Labor and Industries, the *[Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development]*
 30 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** and the Employment Department are authorized to
 31 provide information to the system.

32 (9) Any individual who, without proper authority, discloses confidential information under this
 33 section may be disqualified from holding any appointment or employment with the State of Oregon.
 34 The department shall adopt by rule procedures to prevent disclosure of confidential information
 35 submitted to the Performance Reporting Information System.

36 **SECTION 22.** ORS 660.120 is amended to read:

37 660.120. (1) The State Apprenticeship and Training Council, under the direction of the Appren-
 38 ticeship and Training Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, shall enforce the provisions
 39 of ORS 660.002 to 660.210 in order to carry out the intent and purposes of those provisions. The
 40 State Director of Apprenticeship and Training, the division and the council may conduct investi-
 41 gations, issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, obtain evidence, administer oaths and take
 42 testimony in all matters relating to the council's duties and functions as set forth in ORS 660.002
 43 to 660.210 when the information sought is relevant to a lawful investigative purpose and is reason-
 44 able in scope. The council and the division shall adopt rules for gathering information through
 45 subpoenas or testimony. The rules must include procedures through which a party may object to

1 providing information. After being served with a subpoena, if a person refuses, without reasonable
 2 cause, to be examined, to answer any question or to produce any document or other thing as re-
 3 quired by the subpoena, the director, the division or the council may petition the circuit court in
 4 the county in which the investigation is pending for an order directing the person to show cause
 5 why the person has not complied with the subpoena and should not be held in contempt. The di-
 6 rector, division or council shall serve the court's order upon the person in the manner provided by
 7 ORCP 55 D. If the person fails to show cause for the noncompliance, the court shall order the person
 8 to comply with the subpoena within such time as the court shall direct and may hold the person in
 9 contempt.

10 (2) The division, on behalf of the council, may bring suit in a court of proper jurisdiction in the
 11 name of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, or in the name of an apprentice on behalf of the ap-
 12 prentice, through the district attorney or the Attorney General.

13 (3) The council and the division may adopt rules that are reasonably necessary to enforce and
 14 administer ORS 660.002 to 660.210. In adopting the rules, the council and the division shall comply
 15 with ORS chapter 183. In addition, if the council and the division find that it would be impractical
 16 for a number or all of the local joint committees in the state to develop criteria concerning a par-
 17 ticular matter, the council and the division may adopt rules on the matter. The rules shall govern
 18 on that matter except to the extent that a local joint committee's approved standards contain ex-
 19 ceptions.

20 (4) The council and the division also shall:

21 (a) Establish policy of the program so as to encourage the promotion, expansion and improve-
 22 ment of programs of apprenticeship and training;

23 (b) Approve and register program standards and modifications to program standards that are
 24 submitted by appropriate local joint committees as provided in ORS 660.126, if the standards and
 25 modifications are in substantial conformity with the statewide standards approved under ORS
 26 660.155;

27 (c) Establish committees and approve nominations of members and alternates to local joint
 28 committees and state joint committees to ensure balanced representation of employer and employee
 29 groups;

30 (d) Deregister standards and terminate entire programs, and remove any or all members of any
 31 committee, for inactivity or inadequate activity, or for failure to abide by the provisions of ORS
 32 660.002 to 660.210 or by the rules and policies of the council and the division;

33 (e) Cooperate with interested state and federal agencies, including the Department of Education,
 34 the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board and other providers of related training and
 35 curriculum such as community college districts, community college service districts, education ser-
 36 vice districts and recognized industry programs; and

37 (f) Perform such other functions and duties as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the
 38 purposes of ORS 660.002 to 660.210.

39 (5) The council shall hold at least four regular public meetings each year. Executive sessions
 40 shall be held on call of the chairperson, or at the written request of a majority of the members of
 41 the council.

42 **SECTION 23.** ORS 660.300 is amended to read:

43 660.300. As used in ORS 660.300 to 660.364:

44 (1) "Chief elected official" means a county commissioner, a county judge or the mayor of the
 45 City of Portland.

1 (2) “Federal Act” or “federal Workforce [*Investment*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act**” means
 2 the federal Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998 (enacted as P.L. 105-220 and codified as 29 U.S.C. 2801*
 3 *et seq.)*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)**.

4 (3) “Local workforce [*investment*] **development area**” means the City of Portland or a county
 5 when the city or county has been designated as a local workforce [*investment*] **development area**
 6 under ORS 660.324. “Local workforce [*investment*] **development area**” may include two or more
 7 counties that have joined together to form a local workforce [*investment*] **development area** and
 8 that have been designated as a local workforce [*investment*] **development area** under ORS 660.324.

9 (4) “Local workforce [*investment*] **development board**” means a board established pursuant to
 10 section [2832] **3122** of the federal Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998*] **Innovation and Opportunity**
 11 **Act**.

12 (5) “Office” means the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development.

13 (6) “Participant” means a person receiving services under [*Title I-B of the federal Workforce*
 14 *Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*] **the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportu-**
 15 **nity Act (29 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.)**.

16 (7) “Participant records” means records relating to matters such as grades, conduct, personal
 17 and academic evaluations, results of psychometric testing, counseling, disciplinary actions, if any,
 18 and other personal matters.

19 (8) “State workforce agencies” means state agencies that administer workforce programs.

20 [(9) “Title I-B” means the adult, dislocated worker and youth programs delivered under the federal
 21 *Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.)*.]

22 [(10)] (9) “Workforce development” means services designed to help individuals attain employ-
 23 ment and progress along career pathways and to help businesses better achieve business goals by
 24 more easily finding skilled employees. “Workforce development” includes:

25 (a) Education, training and apprenticeship services;

26 (b) Labor market analysis;

27 (c) Employment and reemployment services;

28 (d) Employee recruitment and retention services; and

29 (e) Convening, coordinating, oversight and evaluation services for business and state workforce
 30 agencies.

31 [(11)] (10) “Workforce programs” means programs that have a primary mission of helping indi-
 32 viduals become employed, retain employment, increase wages and progress along career pathways
 33 and that are responsible for outcomes related to the primary mission.

34 **SECTION 24.** ORS 660.302 is amended to read:

35 660.302. The Legislative Assembly finds that a robust and effective workforce system is neces-
 36 sary to produce a highly skilled workforce, to advance more Oregonians into family wage jobs and
 37 to help Oregon businesses compete in a global economy. Therefore, the Legislative Assembly de-
 38 clares that it is the policy of this state to promote the coordinated provision of education, employ-
 39 ment, economic development and job training to:

40 (1) Develop a workforce system that is flexible, accountable, outcome-focused and data-driven;

41 (2) Meet the needs of employers for skilled, committed and innovative employees;

42 (3) Deliver an effective, efficient, highly integrated and responsive workforce system;

43 (4) Offer services;

44 (5) Ensure equity in program access, services and outcomes for populations that have histor-
 45 ically experienced high levels of unemployment, underemployment and poverty;

1 (6) Provide greater economic security and grow a more inclusive and dynamic economy;

2 (7) Support the economic health of local communities throughout this state with workforce sol-
 3 utions that meet community needs and advance the prosperity of Oregonians and Oregon-based
 4 businesses;

5 (8) Build on the WorkSource Oregon network of state workforce agencies, local workforce [*in-*
 6 *vestment*] **development** boards, public and private secondary and post-secondary institutions of ed-
 7 ucation and other public and private partners to deliver a comprehensive, robust and
 8 outcome-oriented array of services to unemployed and underemployed individuals and to businesses
 9 seeking employees; and

10 (9) Support the achievement of Oregon’s 40-40-20 goal in conjunction with the education system
 11 and private industry to ensure that more Oregonians may access opportunities to gain skills and
 12 earn credentials to support their employment goals.

13 **SECTION 25.** ORS 660.312 is amended to read:

14 660.312. (1) The Governor shall be responsible for a coordinated and comprehensive response to
 15 education and workforce issues. The Governor shall appoint an Education and Workforce Policy
 16 Advisor, who serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The advisor shall, with the advice of such
 17 advisory committees as may be appointed or assigned, advise the Governor on policy, planning and
 18 coordination for education and workforce development in Oregon.

19 (2) The duties of the advisor shall include:

20 (a) Guiding the development of state-level policy related to education and workforce issues;

21 (b) Providing general direction and serving as a liaison between state and local efforts in edu-
 22 cation, training and workforce development;

23 (c) Ensuring, through collaboration with the leadership of local workforce [*investment*] **devel-**
 24 **opment** boards, the alignment of statewide and local strategic plans, and the periodic reporting of
 25 performance in the implementation of such plans; and

26 (d) Consulting with local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards on the development and
 27 implementation of a workforce performance measurement system.

28 (3) In the performance of duties, the advisor shall collectively involve state agencies, including
 29 but not limited to:

30 (a) The Department of Education;

31 (b) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

32 (c) The Oregon Business Development Department;

33 [*d*] *The Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development;*]

34 [*e*] (d) The Employment Department;

35 [*f*] (e) The Department of Human Services;

36 [*g*] (f) The Bureau of Labor and Industries;

37 [*h*] (g) The Department of Corrections; and

38 [*i*] (h) The public universities with governing boards listed in ORS 352.054.

39 (4) The advisor shall seek input from key interested parties to help guide policy development,
 40 including but not limited to representatives of:

41 (a) Businesses and industry organizations;

42 (b) Labor and labor organizations;

43 (c) Local education providers, community colleges and other public and private post-secondary
 44 institutions of education and their governing boards;

45 (d) Local government;

1 (e) Student, teacher, parent and faculty organizations;

2 (f) Community-based organizations;

3 (g) Public-private partnership organizations;

4 (h) Independent nonprofit and proprietary post-secondary colleges and schools; and

5 (i) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board and local workforce [*investment*] **de-**
6 **velopment** boards.

7 (5) The advisor shall meet, on a regularly scheduled basis, with the local workforce
8 [*investment*] **development** boards and such others as necessary to ensure that local interests are
9 represented. The advisor shall seek input, advice and feedback on policy issues affecting state and
10 local education and workforce development from interested parties and any advisory committees
11 appointed or assigned under this section.

12 (6) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the advisor may adopt rules necessary to carry out the duties
13 of the advisor.

14 **SECTION 26.** ORS 660.318 is amended to read:

15 660.318. (1) To implement and oversee state implementation of [*Title I-B*] **the federal Workforce**
16 **Innovation and Opportunity Act**, the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]
17 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** may:

18 (a) Receive federal youth activities funds allotted to this state by the Secretary of Labor pur-
19 suant to [*Title I-B*] **the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** and allocate those
20 funds that are not reserved according to an allocation formula recommended by the State Workforce
21 [*Investment*] **Development** Board and approved by the Governor.

22 (b) Receive federal adult employment and training activities funds allotted to this state by the
23 Secretary of Labor pursuant to [*Title I-B*] **the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity**
24 **Act** and allocate those funds that are not reserved according to an allocation formula recommended
25 by the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board and approved by the Governor.

26 (c) Receive federal dislocated worker funds allotted to this state by the Secretary of Labor
27 pursuant to [*Title I-B*] **the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** and allocate those
28 funds that are not reserved according to an allocation formula recommended by the State Workforce
29 [*Investment*] **Development** Board and approved by the Governor.

30 (d) Establish a procedure for use by local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards to identify
31 eligible providers of training services according to section [2864] **3174** of the federal Act and to
32 maintain the list of providers identified as eligible by the boards in all local workforce [*investment*]
33 **development** areas in this state.

34 (e) Receive the comprehensive strategic plan developed and implemented by each local
35 workforce [*investment*] **development** board and review the plan, with input from representatives of
36 state and local workforce programs, to determine if the plan meets the requirements of section
37 [2833] **3123** of the federal Act and state policy.

38 (f) Approve the plans, after review by the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board,
39 that are found to meet the requirements of [*Title I-B*] **the federal Workforce Innovation and**
40 **Opportunity Act** and review and approve any amendments to the plans.

41 (g) Carry out the required and allowable activities described in section [2864] **3174** of the federal
42 Act with the advice of the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor.

43 (h) Pursuant to ORS 660.339, establish procedures to maintain the confidentiality of the names
44 and records of participants in workforce programs for which the [*office*] **commission** is responsible,
45 including circumstances under which the names and records may be disclosed.

1 (i) Establish a method to set performance standards for the Secretary of Labor as required under
2 section [2871] **3141** of the federal Act.

3 (j) Perform planning functions related to [Title I-B] programs and performance reporting **under**
4 **the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.**

5 (2)(a) Subject to the availability of funds from the federal Workforce [Investment] **Innovation**
6 **and Opportunity Act**, the [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development] **commission**
7 shall create and operate a summer youth employment program that reestablishes meaningful summer
8 work experience for persons between the ages of 14 and 24 and that meets the requirements for
9 funding under the federal Act.

10 (b) Programs funded under this subsection:

11 (A) Must include representatives of the business community in the planning, implementation and
12 evaluation of the program.

13 (B) May provide for private and public sector employment opportunities.

14 (C) Shall be managed by local workforce [investment] **development** boards in a manner that
15 coordinates regional state-sponsored youth work experience programs.

16 (c) Local workforce [investment] **development** boards responsible for managing programs cre-
17 ated under this subsection shall provide training for business, labor and education leaders in use
18 of best practices that ensure positive summer work experiences for participants.

19 (3) The [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development] **commission** shall collaborate
20 with the State Workforce [Investment] **Development** Board and local workforce [investment] **devel-**
21 **opment** boards to collect data on summer work experience programs that identify successful sum-
22 mer work experiences and allow for the identification and dissemination of promising practices.

23 (4) The [Higher Education Coordinating] commission, in consultation with the State Workforce
24 [Investment] **Development** Board, may adopt rules pursuant to ORS chapter 183 to implement this
25 section.

26 **SECTION 27.** ORS 660.321 is amended to read:

27 660.321. (1) A State Workforce [Investment] **Development** Board shall be created under section
28 [2821(b) and (c)] **3111** of the [Workforce Investment Act of 1998] **federal Workforce Innovation and**
29 **Opportunity Act** to assist in the development of the State Unified **or Combined** Workforce Plan
30 established under ORS 660.324 and to carry out the other functions described by the federal Act.

31 (2) The membership of the board must be in accordance with the requirements of section
32 [2821(b)] **3111(b)** of the federal Act.

33 (3) Representatives of business described in section [2821 (b)(1)(C)(i)] **3111(b)(1)(C)(i)** of the fed-
34 eral Act who are appointed to the board must be confirmed by the Senate in the manner prescribed
35 under ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

36 (4) The Governor shall select a chairperson in accordance with the requirements of section
37 [2821(c)] **3111(c)** of the federal Act.

38 (5) The Governor shall appoint one member who is a representative of a local workforce [in-
39 vestment] **development** board.

40 (6) A majority of the board must be representatives of business, as described in section
41 [2821(b)(1)(C)(i)] **3111(b)(1)(C)(i)** of the federal Act.

42 (7) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the board are nonvoting members of the
43 board and may act in an advisory capacity only.

44 (8) To transact business at a meeting of the board, a quorum of voting members must participate.
45 A quorum consists of a majority of the voting members. At least 25 percent of the members partic-

1 ipating must be representatives of business, as described in section [2821(b)(1)(C)(i)] **3111(b)(1)(C)(i)**
 2 of the federal Act.

3 (9) Members of the board are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual
 4 and necessary travel and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties
 5 in the manner and amount provided for in ORS 292.495.

6 **SECTION 28.** ORS 660.324 is amended to read:

7 660.324. (1) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall develop and submit to
 8 the Governor a single[, *unified*] state plan that outlines a strategy, with quantitative goals, for the
 9 statewide workforce [*investment*] **development** system for the State of Oregon in accordance with
 10 section [2821 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998] **3111 of the federal Workforce In-**
 11 **novation and Opportunity Act.** In addition, the state plan must convey the expectations for per-
 12 formance and the priorities for delivery of services to local workforce [*investment*] **development**
 13 boards and state workforce agencies. Upon the Governor's approval of the state plan, the Governor
 14 shall cause the State Unified **or Combined** Workforce Plan to be delivered to the Legislative As-
 15 sembly.

16 (2) The board shall develop and include in the state plan goals designed to promote Oregonians'
 17 self-sufficiency. In addition to requirements under the federal Act regarding wage and other goals,
 18 the state plan shall include quantifiable goals that will empower Oregonians to gain independence
 19 from public assistance and move up the socioeconomic ladder.

20 (3) The board shall assist the Governor in:

21 (a) Developing Oregon's workforce [*investment*] **development** system;

22 (b) Ensuring timely consultation and collaboration with chief elected officials, local workforce
 23 [*investment*] **development** boards and other workforce stakeholders, including but not limited to
 24 business and labor organizations and organizations working with persons with disabilities, persons
 25 living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and the chronically unemployed and
 26 underemployed;

27 (c) Reviewing and approving local workforce plans;

28 (d) Developing, as required by the federal Act, allocation formulas for the distribution of funds
 29 to local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas for adult employment and training activities and
 30 for youth activities that are developed by the local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards;

31 (e) Working with local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards to increase efficiencies and
 32 align workforce programs and services with local needs;

33 (f) Recommending the duties and responsibilities of state agencies to implement the federal Act,
 34 to avoid conflicts of interest and to capitalize on the experience developed by workforce partners
 35 that are efficient and effective at meeting the requirements of the federal Act;

36 (g) Participating in the development of a coordinated statewide system of activities and services
 37 that includes both mandatory and optional partners of the one-stop delivery system, as provided in
 38 the federal Act;

39 (h) Providing for the development, accountability and continuous improvement of comprehensive
 40 workforce performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the workforce [*investment*] **develop-**
 41 **ment** activities in this state;

42 (i) Developing a statewide employment statistics system, as described in section 15(e) of the
 43 Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49L-2(e)); and

44 (j) Preparing an annual report and submitting it to [*the United States Department of Education,*
 45 *the United States Department of Health and Human Services and*] the United States Department of

1 Labor.

2 (4) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, in partnership with the Governor,
3 shall establish criteria for use by chief elected officials in appointing members to local workforce
4 [*investment*] **development** boards in accordance with the requirements of section [2832 of the federal
5 *Workforce Investment Act of 1998*] **3122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity**
6 **Act**. The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall establish the following require-
7 ments:

8 (a) To transact business at a meeting of a local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, a
9 quorum of members must participate. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members. At least
10 25 percent of the members participating must be representatives of business[, *as described in section*
11 *2821(b)(1)(C)(i) of the federal Act*].

12 (b) When appropriate and upon a request from the chief elected official of a county or the City
13 of Portland, the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall consider the county or the
14 City of Portland to be a candidate for designation as a local workforce [*investment*] **development**
15 area. The board shall consult with the county or the City of Portland before designating it as a local
16 workforce [*investment*] **development** area. After considering the criteria in section [2831] **3121** of the
17 federal Act for designating local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas, chief elected officials
18 may submit a request to the board to combine their units of government into a local workforce [*in-*
19 *vestment*] **development** area. The board shall make recommendations to the Governor about the
20 designation of local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas. Only the Governor may designate
21 local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas. The Governor must show just cause for not desig-
22 nating a requested local workforce [*investment*] **development** area. A county or the City of Portland
23 may submit an appeal to the board, as provided in section [2831] **3121** of the federal Act, if the
24 Governor does not grant the county's or the city's request to designate a local workforce
25 [*investment*] **development** area.

26 (5) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall provide guidance and direction
27 to local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards in the development of local workforce plans.
28 The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall adopt policies that:

29 (a) Require each local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, in partnership with its chief
30 elected officials and in accordance with section [2833] **3123** of the federal Act, to develop and submit
31 to the Governor and the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board a strategic local
32 workforce plan that includes, but is not limited to, performance goals; and

33 (b) Permit each local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, in consultation with its chief
34 elected officials:

35 (A) To determine, consistent with the requirements of the federal Act, the appropriate level of
36 services based on the workforce needs in the local workforce [*investment*] **development** area; and

37 (B) To **designate or** certify [*local*] one-stop operators **and to terminate for cause the eligi-**
38 **bility of such operators.**

39 (6) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall:

40 (a) Function as the primary advisory committee to the Employment Department in conjunction
41 with the Employment Department Advisory Council established under ORS 657.695;

42 (b) Collaborate with other advisory bodies also tasked with workforce development, including
43 but not limited to the Oregon State Rehabilitation Council, the Commission for the Blind, the State
44 Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

45 (c) Work with the Chief Education Office and the Oregon Business Development Commission to

1 identify areas of common interest to efficiently align resources, recommend common strategies and
2 provide accountability for reaching statewide goals; and

3 (d) Hold state workforce agencies and local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards ac-
4 countable for meeting performance goals and system outcomes.

5 (7) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board may charter and enter into perform-
6 ance compacts with the local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards.

7 **SECTION 29.** ORS 660.324, as amended by section 65, chapter 774, Oregon Laws 2015, is
8 amended to read:

9 660.324. (1) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall develop and submit to
10 the Governor a single[, *unified*] state plan that outlines a strategy, with quantitative goals, for the
11 statewide workforce [*investment*] **development** system for the State of Oregon in accordance with
12 section [2821 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998] **3111 of the federal Workforce In-**
13 **novation and Opportunity Act.** In addition, the state plan must convey the expectations for per-
14 formance and the priorities for delivery of services to local workforce [*investment*] **development**
15 boards and state workforce agencies. Upon the Governor's approval of the state plan, the Governor
16 shall cause the State Unified **or Combined** Workforce Plan to be delivered to the Legislative As-
17 sembly.

18 (2) The board shall develop and include in the state plan goals designed to promote Oregonians'
19 self-sufficiency. In addition to requirements under the federal Act regarding wage and other goals,
20 the state plan shall include quantifiable goals that will empower Oregonians to gain independence
21 from public assistance and move up the socioeconomic ladder.

22 (3) The board shall assist the Governor in:

23 (a) Developing Oregon's workforce [*investment*] **development** system;

24 (b) Ensuring timely consultation and collaboration with chief elected officials, local workforce
25 [*investment*] **development** boards and other workforce stakeholders, including but not limited to
26 business and labor organizations and organizations working with persons with disabilities, persons
27 living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty guidelines and the chronically unemployed and
28 underemployed;

29 (c) Reviewing and approving local workforce plans;

30 (d) Developing, as required by the federal Act, allocation formulas for the distribution of funds
31 to local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas for adult employment and training activities and
32 for youth activities that are developed by the local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards;

33 (e) Working with local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards to increase efficiencies and
34 align workforce programs and services with local needs;

35 (f) Recommending the duties and responsibilities of state agencies to implement the federal Act,
36 to avoid conflicts of interest and to capitalize on the experience developed by workforce partners
37 that are efficient and effective at meeting the requirements of the federal Act;

38 (g) Participating in the development of a coordinated statewide system of activities and services
39 that includes both mandatory and optional partners of the one-stop delivery system, as provided in
40 the federal Act;

41 (h) Providing for the development, accountability and continuous improvement of comprehensive
42 workforce performance measures to assess the effectiveness of the workforce [*investment*] **develop-**
43 **ment** activities in this state;

44 (i) Developing a statewide employment statistics system, as described in section 15(e) of the
45 Wagner-Peyser Act (29 U.S.C. 49L-2(e)); and

1 (j) Preparing an annual report and submitting it to [*the United States Department of Education,*
2 *the United States Department of Health and Human Services and*] the United States Department of
3 Labor.

4 (4) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, in partnership with the Governor,
5 shall establish criteria for use by chief elected officials in appointing members to local workforce
6 [*investment*] **development** boards in accordance with the requirements of section [*2832 of the federal*
7 *Workforce Investment Act of 1998*] **3122 of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity**
8 **Act**. The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall establish the following require-
9 ments:

10 (a) To transact business at a meeting of a local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, a
11 quorum of members must participate. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members. At least
12 25 percent of the members participating must be representatives of business[, *as described in section*
13 *2821(b)(1)(C)(i) of the federal Act*].

14 (b) When appropriate and upon a request from the chief elected official of a county or the City
15 of Portland, the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall consider the county or the
16 City of Portland to be a candidate for designation as a local workforce [*investment*] **development**
17 area. The board shall consult with the county or the City of Portland before designating it as a local
18 workforce [*investment*] **development** area. After considering the criteria in section [*2831*] **3121** of the
19 federal Act for designating local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas, chief elected officials
20 may submit a request to the board to combine their units of government into a local workforce [*in-*
21 *vestment*] **development** area. The board shall make recommendations to the Governor about the
22 designation of local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas. Only the Governor may designate
23 local workforce [*investment*] **development** areas. The Governor must show just cause for not desig-
24 nating a requested local workforce [*investment*] **development** area. A county or the City of Portland
25 may submit an appeal to the board, as provided in section [*2831*] **3121** of the federal Act, if the
26 Governor does not grant the county's or the city's request to designate a local workforce
27 [*investment*] **development** area.

28 (5) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall provide guidance and direction
29 to local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards in the development of local workforce plans.
30 The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall adopt policies that:

31 (a) Require each local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, in partnership with its chief
32 elected officials and in accordance with section [*2833*] **3123** of the federal Act, to develop and submit
33 to the Governor and the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board a strategic local
34 workforce plan that includes, but is not limited to, performance goals; and

35 (b) Permit each local workforce [*investment*] **development** board, in consultation with its chief
36 elected officials:

37 (A) To determine, consistent with the requirements of the federal Act, the appropriate level of
38 services based on the workforce needs in the local workforce [*investment*] **development** area; and

39 (B) To **designate or** certify [*local*] one-stop operators **and to terminate for cause the eligi-**
40 **bility of such operators.**

41 (6) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall:

42 (a) Function as the primary advisory committee to the Employment Department in conjunction
43 with the Employment Department Advisory Council established under ORS 657.695;

44 (b) Collaborate with other advisory bodies also tasked with workforce development, including
45 but not limited to the Oregon State Rehabilitation Council, the Commission for the Blind, the State

1 Apprenticeship and Training Council and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission;

2 (c) Work with the Oregon Business Development Commission to identify areas of common in-
3 terest to efficiently align resources, recommend common strategies and provide accountability for
4 reaching statewide goals; and

5 (d) Hold state workforce agencies and local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards ac-
6 countable for meeting performance goals and system outcomes.

7 (7) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board may charter and enter into perform-
8 ance compacts with the local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards.

9 **SECTION 30.** ORS 660.327 is amended to read:

10 660.327. In accordance with section [2832] **3122** of the federal Act, each local workforce [*invest-*
11 *ment*] **development** board shall:

12 (1) Consistent with section [2833] **3123** of the federal Act, in partnership with the chief elected
13 official for the local area involved, develop and submit a local plan to the Governor. The local plan
14 must:

15 (a) Be developed by the local workforce [*investment*] **development** board with local workforce
16 partners;

17 (b) Identify strategies and outcomes that the local workforce [*investment*] **development** board
18 will implement in the local workforce [*investment*] **development** area;

19 (c) Make all parties to the local plan accountable for carrying out the strategies and achieving
20 the outcomes identified in the local plan; and

21 (d) Be submitted to and approved by the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board.

22 (2) Consistent with section [2841(d)] **3151(d)** of the federal Act, with the agreement of the chief
23 elected official, designate or certify one-stop operators as described in section [2841(d)(2)(A)]
24 **3151(d)(2)(A)** of the federal Act and may terminate for cause the eligibility of such operators.

25 (3) Consistent with section [2843] **3153** of the federal Act, identify eligible providers of youth
26 activities in the local area and award grants or contracts on a competitive basis to those providers,
27 based on recommendations of a youth council.

28 (4) Consistent with section [2842] **3152** of the federal Act, identify eligible providers of training
29 services described in section [2864(d)(4)] **3174(d)(4)** of the federal Act.

30 (5) Subject to the approval of the chief elected official, develop a budget for the purpose of
31 carrying out the duties of the local workforce [*investment*] **development** board under section [2832]
32 **3122** of the federal Act.

33 (6) In partnership with the chief elected official, provide oversight of local programs of youth
34 activities authorized under section [2854] **3164** of the federal Act, local employment and training
35 activities authorized under section [2864] **3174** of the federal Act and the one-stop delivery system
36 in the local area.

37 (7) With the chief elected official and the Governor, negotiate and reach agreement on local
38 performance measures as described in section [2871(c)] **3141(c)** of the federal Act.

39 (8) Coordinate the workforce [*investment*] **development** activities authorized under the federal
40 Act and carried out in the local area with economic development strategies and develop other em-
41 ployer linkages with such activities.

42 (9) Promote the participation of private sector employers in the statewide workforce
43 [*investment*] **development** system and ensure the effective provision, through the system, of con-
44 necting, brokering and coaching activities, through intermediaries such as the one-stop operator in
45 the local area or through other organizations, to assist such employers in meeting hiring needs.

1 **SECTION 31.** ORS 660.330 is amended to read:

2 660.330. (1) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board and local workforce [*invest-*
3 *ment*] **development** boards shall ensure that Oregon's one-stop delivery system under the federal
4 Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act** is the foundation of local
5 service delivery to employers and participants.

6 (2) One-stop partners shall include, but are not limited to, those described in section [2841] **3151**
7 of the federal Act and programs referenced under section [2841(b)(1) and (2)] **3151(b)** of the federal
8 Act.

9 (3) This section does not restrict the authority of local workforce [*investment*] **development**
10 boards to select providers and one-stop operators, or to set goals or policies, under the federal Act.

11 **SECTION 32.** ORS 660.333 is amended to read:

12 660.333. (1) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board shall advise the Governor as
13 required under section [2821] **3111** of the **federal** Workforce [*Investment Act of 1998*] **Innovation**
14 **and Opportunity Act** and on matters pertaining to the use of funds under section [2864] **3174** of the
15 federal Act.

16 (2) As a part of the core services required by section [2864(d)(2)(E)(i)] **3174(c)(2)(A)(vi)(I)** of the
17 federal Act, the one-stop delivery system, as described in section [2864(c)] **3151(e)** of the federal Act,
18 shall provide timely listings of all job opportunities, consistent with statute or rule, to a participant
19 immediately upon application by the participant for services offered by the one-stop delivery system.

20 (3) Intensive services offered by the one-stop delivery system may include drug and alcohol
21 rehabilitative services meeting minimum standards established pursuant to ORS 430.357.

22 (4) Local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards shall determine whether funds will be used
23 as provided in section [2864(e)(3)] **3174(d)(3)** of the federal Act.

24 (5) Participants may receive training in accordance with section [2864] **3174** of the federal Act.
25 In addition, a participant who is employed in a subsidized or unsubsidized job and who needs train-
26 ing may receive an individual training account that allows the participant to choose among training
27 providers, except as provided in section [2864(d)(4)(G)(ii)] **3174(c)(3)(G)(ii)** of the federal Act.

28 (6) Any funds expended under ORS 660.300 to 660.364 shall be from funds appropriated by the
29 Legislative Assembly or within any expenditure limitations placed on federal funds by the Legisla-
30 tive Assembly.

31 **SECTION 33.** ORS 660.336 is amended to read:

32 660.336. (1) The designated state agency and state level fiscal agent for the federal Workforce
33 [*Investment Act of 1998 (P.L. 105-220)*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act** shall provide customers
34 of the one-stop delivery system with reports containing information about the performance of train-
35 ing providers and programs in each local area.

36 (2) In order for customers to have choices in deciding the training program that best fits their
37 needs and the organization that best provides that service, and in order for customers to have in-
38 formation about how well training providers succeed in preparing people for jobs, the reports shall
39 include information about:

40 (a) Training programs and the organizations that provide the programs; and

41 (b) The success rate of the programs in preparing people for jobs.

42 (3) The reports shall present the information in a manner that allows a customer to easily un-
43 derstand the options that are available in choosing a program of training services.

44 **SECTION 34.** ORS 660.339 is amended to read:

45 660.339. (1) All participant records maintained by the local workforce [*investment*] **development**

1 boards or any public or private agency involved in [*Title I-B*] programs **under the federal**
 2 **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act** shall be confidential and except as provided in ORS
 3 660.300 to 660.364 shall be open for inspection only in accordance with [*rules*] **policies** adopted by
 4 the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*] **Higher Education Coordinating**
 5 **Commission**.

6 (2) A participant may provide written consent for the examination or release of any record
 7 pertaining to the participant.

8 (3) All information contained in participant files shall be available for inspection by the partic-
 9 ipant and by the participant's parent or legal guardian if the participant is under 18 years of age.
 10 Participant behavioral records shall be released only in the presence of an individual qualified to
 11 explain or interpret the records.

12 (4) The [*office*] **commission** may adopt **policies and** rules to provide the circumstances under
 13 which participant names or records may be made available for inspection when:

14 (a) Ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

15 (b) Necessary to protect the health or safety of a participant or another.

16 (c) Necessary to provide information to state and local agencies administering ORS 412.001 to
 17 412.161 and 412.991 and ORS chapters 418 and 657, other programs under the federal Workforce
 18 [*Investment Act of 1998*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act** and other mandatory programs under
 19 this state's one-stop service delivery system.

20 (d) Necessary for program staff work or studies of a statistical or demographic nature.

21 (e) Necessary to carry out the planning and coordinating functions between state and local
 22 agencies under [*Title I-B of*] the federal Workforce [*Investment*] **Innovation and Opportunity Act**,
 23 other applicable state laws or those functions assigned by the Education and Workforce Policy Ad-
 24 visor.

25 **SECTION 35.** ORS 660.340 is amended to read:

26 660.340. (1) There is created in the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]
 27 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** the Oregon Employer Workforce Training Program.
 28 Subject to the availability of funding, **and in consultation with the State Workforce Develop-**
 29 **ment Board**, the [*office*] **commission** shall [*create and*] operate, and local workforce [*investment*]
 30 **development** boards shall manage, the program for the purpose of:

31 (a) Assisting businesses and consortia of businesses in implementing projects that identify and
 32 provide cost-effective solutions to the issues of employee training, retention and advancement;

33 (b) Maximizing the utilization of public and private resources for providing training to employed
 34 persons in skills that are responsive to the need of businesses and industries in Oregon to become
 35 and to remain competitive on the national and international level; and

36 (c) Responding to the need of workers in Oregon to develop current job skills necessary to meet
 37 the current and future needs of employers.

38 (2)(a) Businesses in industries identified in the plans developed by local workforce [*investment*]
 39 **development** boards as required by ORS 660.327 are eligible to participate in projects selected for
 40 participation in the program.

41 (b) Priority for approval of projects submitted under this subsection shall be given to businesses
 42 in industries that have the greatest impact on the local economy and emerging green jobs.

43 (3) Local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards shall:

44 (a) Identify businesses and consortia of businesses for potential participation in the program;

45 (b) Develop and implement an application process for projects proposed for the program;

1 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Public Contracting Code, use an open and competitive
 2 procurement process for agreements entered into with participants in the program;

3 (d) Require that businesses participating in a project provide private sector funding equal to the
 4 amount of state funding provided for the project; and

5 (e) Track and report to the [office] **commission** the outcomes of projects implemented in the
 6 local workforce [investment] **development** area, including, but not limited to:

7 (A) The number of businesses participating in approved projects;

8 (B) The number and types of projects completed;

9 (C) The number of employees receiving training;

10 (D) The number of jobs retained or created by the businesses participating in the project; and

11 (E) The value of the private sector funding provided.

12 (4) The [Higher Education Coordinating] commission shall adopt rules necessary for the imple-
 13 mentation and operation of the program created under subsection (1) of this section. The rules shall
 14 include, but are not limited to, a process by which moneys may be appropriated and allocated to the
 15 local workforce [investment] **development** boards to support projects identified by the local
 16 workforce [investment] **development** boards under subsection (3) of this section.

17 **SECTION 36.** ORS 660.343 is amended to read:

18 660.343. (1) There is created in the [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development]
 19 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** the Oregon National Career Readiness Certification
 20 Program to certify the workplace and college readiness skills of Oregonians and to better prepare
 21 Oregonians for continued education and workforce training, successful employment and career ad-
 22 vancement in a demand-driven, skills-based economy.

23 (2) Program services may be offered through public high schools, community colleges, local and
 24 regional career centers and any other institutions determined to be appropriate by the [office]
 25 **commission** to residents of Oregon and to employees of businesses located in Oregon.

26 (3) Services provided by the program shall include, but are not limited to:

27 (a) An assessment process that identifies the proficiency level of program participants in work-
 28 ready skills including, but not limited to, reading, applied mathematics, locating information and any
 29 additional skills determined by the [office] **commission** to be necessary to meet business and in-
 30 dustry skill demands;

31 (b) Targeted instruction and remedial skills training to provide work-ready skills in which pro-
 32 gram participants are not proficient, as determined by the assessment process described in para-
 33 graph (a) of this subsection, and that have been identified by the [office] **commission** as work-ready
 34 skills required by local employers;

35 (c) Issuance of a National Career Readiness Certificate to program participants who demon-
 36 strate proficiency in work-ready skills, as determined by the assessment process described in para-
 37 graph (a) of this subsection, and who satisfy any other requirements for certification adopted by the
 38 [office] **commission** by rule;

39 (d) Providing information to school districts, community colleges and community college service
 40 districts about the National Career Readiness Certificate and the assessments, targeted instruction
 41 and remedial skills training available through the program; and

42 (e) An online database that:

43 (A) Serves as the repository for National Career Readiness Certificate attainment data.

44 (B) Provides online access to program data that enables employers to determine the work skill
 45 proficiency level of individual program participants and to locate certified individuals on a statewide

1 or regional basis.

2 (C) Provides individual program participants the opportunity for career exploration, continuing
3 education, job readiness practice and job searches.

4 (D) Provides individual program participants the opportunity to opt out of the database in ac-
5 cordance with rules adopted by the [office] **commission**.

6 (4) The [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development] **commission**, after consulta-
7 tion with [the Higher Education Coordinating Commission,] the State Workforce [Investment] **Devel-**
8 **opment** Board and the Department of Education, shall adopt rules for the implementation and
9 administration of the program created under subsection (1) of this section.

10 (5) By September 1 of each year, school districts, community colleges and community college
11 service districts shall report to the [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development]
12 **commission** the rate of participation in and the total number of students enrolled in the district
13 or community college who utilized the services provided by the program in the most recently con-
14 cluded school year.

15 (6) The [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development] **commission** shall submit a
16 report on program outcomes and recommendations for improving and funding the program to the
17 appropriate interim legislative committees and to the Governor by December 1 of each year. The
18 report shall include a summary of the information required under subsection (5) of this section.

19 **SECTION 37.** ORS 660.346 is amended to read:

20 660.346. (1)(a) The [Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development] **Higher Education**
21 **Coordinating Commission**, in collaboration with the Employment Department and the State
22 Workforce [Investment] **Development** Board, shall develop and implement a demand-driven, skills-
23 based integrated workforce delivery system focused on skills and talent development.

24 (b) The integrated workforce delivery system implemented under paragraph (a) of this subsection
25 must include, and the [office] **commission** shall maintain, a workforce training inventory of prior-
26 itized occupations.

27 (c) The [office] **commission** shall prioritize recommendations for the allocation of workforce
28 training resources by the integrated workforce delivery system based on occupational prioritization
29 data developed by the Employment Department.

30 (2) The [office] **commission** shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation and adminis-
31 tration of the integrated workforce delivery system developed under subsection (1) of this section.

32 **SECTION 38.** ORS 660.349 is amended to read:

33 660.349. (1)(a) There is created in the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development
34 a program to make grants to pilot projects to promote hands-on experience and education in the
35 fundamentals and core competencies in architecture, construction trades and engineering for high
36 school juniors and seniors.

37 (b) Pilot projects funded by the program created under this subsection shall be based on
38 collaborative efforts between local school districts, community colleges, business organizations and
39 labor organizations that provide participants the opportunity for education and training in skills
40 required to meet the workforce development needs of local, regional and statewide employers.

41 (c) The office may apply for and receive grants and gifts from public and private sources to fund
42 grants provided under this section.

43 (2) The program created under subsection (1) of this section for making grants to pilot projects
44 shall ensure that:

45 (a) Local communities are informed about the availability of the grants;

1 (b) The pilot projects are geographically distributed throughout Oregon;

2 (c) Urban and rural participants have equal opportunity to access quality educational opportu-
3 nities;

4 (d) Representatives of related, ongoing community efforts assist in the implementation of archi-
5 tecture, construction trades and engineering education and training; and

6 (e) The program and timelines are designed to minimize barriers to receiving funds.

7 (3) When considering applications for grants, the program shall give priority to pilot projects
8 that:

9 (a) Provide access for high school juniors and seniors to architecture, construction trades and
10 engineering education and training through the efforts of local and regional career centers and
11 public-private consortia;

12 (b) In combination with other projects receiving funds, contribute to architecture, construction
13 trades and engineering education and training opportunities in every part of the state;

14 (c) Use private and federal funds;

15 (d) Facilitate sharing of resources through public-private partnerships including collaboration
16 among local school districts, community colleges, business organizations and labor organizations;

17 (e) Have a long-term strategic plan and lack only the necessary financial resources;

18 (f) Help students connect education and training with career planning and job opportunities
19 through local and regional career centers implemented under the federal Workforce [*Investment*]
20 **Innovation and Opportunity Act**;

21 (g) Provide articulated secondary and post-secondary education programs that are designed to
22 lead to a degree or industry-specific skills certification; and

23 (h) Establish short-term training programs that meet the immediate needs of local and regional
24 employers.

25 (4)(a) The office shall include in the program created under subsection (1) of this section a pro-
26 cess for the certification of instructors for the program to provide education and practical experi-
27 ence in architecture, construction trades and engineering.

28 (b) The office shall adopt by rule requirements for the certification of instructors described in
29 paragraph (a) of this subsection.

30 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements adopted under paragraph (b) of this subsection, a person
31 qualified to serve as an instructor in a state-recognized apprenticeship program is qualified for cer-
32 tification as an instructor for projects implemented under this section.

33 **SECTION 39.** ORS 660.353 is amended to read:

34 660.353. (1) There is created in the [*Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development*]
35 **Higher Education Coordinating Commission** the Oregon Youth Employment Program. Subject to
36 the availability of funding, the [*office*] **commission** shall create and operate, and local workforce
37 [*investment*] **development** boards shall manage, the program to provide meaningful work experience
38 and workforce training for persons between the ages of 14 and 24.

39 (2) The program shall provide to participants in the program case management and support
40 services that include, but are not limited to:

41 (a) Developing an individual development plan for the participant that outlines work readiness,
42 career and educational goals;

43 (b) Work readiness instruction;

44 (c) At least 12 weeks of paid internships or other work experience; and

45 (d) Academic support for earning high school graduation credit, completion of a General Edu-

1 cational Development (GED) certificate program or earning college credit for work experience or
2 internships provided through the program.

3 (3) The program:

4 (a) Plan, implementation procedures and evaluation criteria shall be described in the local plan
5 developed by a local workforce [*investment*] **development** board under ORS 660.327.

6 (b) May provide for public and private sector employment opportunities.

7 (4) Local workforce [*investment*] **development** boards responsible for managing the program
8 shall ensure appropriate training and positive work experiences for participants.

9 (5) The [*office*] **commission** shall collaborate with the local workforce [*investment*] **development**
10 boards to collect data on youth work experience programs that identify successful work experiences
11 and allow for the identification and dissemination of the most promising practices. The data col-
12 lected shall also include the number of participants in the program, the number of participants that
13 complete the program, the cost of internships and other work experiences provided, the academic
14 credit earned by participants and the number of General Educational Development (GED) certif-
15 icates earned by participants.

16 (6) The [*office*] **commission** shall adopt rules necessary for the implementation and operation
17 of the program created under subsection (1) of this section. The rules shall include, but are not
18 limited to, establishing eligibility criteria for persons participating in the program.

19 **SECTION 40.** ORS 660.358 is amended to read:

20 660.358. (1) The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, in consultation with the
21 Governor, the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor and other parties deemed appropriate by the
22 board and after consideration of the clean energy and energy efficiency policies of this state, shall
23 develop a plan for a green jobs growth initiative to promote the development of emerging technol-
24 ogies and innovations that lead to, create or sustain family wage green jobs.

25 (2) The plan for the initiative developed by the board shall:

26 (a) Identify industries that are high demand green industries based on current and projected
27 creation of family wage green jobs and the potential for career pathways created for such jobs.

28 (b) Use the needs of identified high demand green industries as the basis for the planning of
29 workforce development activities that promote the development of emerging green technologies and
30 innovations. These activities include, but are not limited to, such efforts undertaken by community
31 colleges, public universities listed in ORS 352.002, designated signature research centers, registered
32 apprenticeship programs and other private sector training programs.

33 (c) Leverage and align existing public workforce development programs and other public and
34 private resources to the goal of recruiting, supporting, educating and training of targeted popu-
35 lations of workers.

36 (d) Require the board to work collaboratively with stakeholders from business, labor and low
37 income advocacy groups in the regional economy to develop and implement the initiative.

38 (e) Link adult basic and remedial education programs with job training for skills necessary for
39 green jobs.

40 (f) Require the board to collaborate with employers and labor organizations to identify skills and
41 competencies necessary for green job career pathways.

42 (g) Ensure that support services are integrated with education and training for green jobs and
43 that such services are provided by organizations with direct access to and experience with targeted
44 populations.

45 (h) Include an analysis of occupations in the forest products industry to:

1 (A) Determine key growth factors and employment projections for green jobs in the forest pro-
2 ducts industry; and

3 (B) Define the educational and skill standards required for current and emerging green occupa-
4 tions in the forest products industry.

5 (3) Based on the analysis conducted under subsection (2)(h) of this section, the State Workforce
6 [*Investment*] **Development** Board, in consultation with the Education and Workforce Policy Advisor,
7 shall identify those forest products industries to be classified as high-demand green industries, tak-
8 ing into consideration current and future job creation and the strategic importance of the develop-
9 ment of high-demand green forest products industry jobs to the development and growth of the
10 state's green economy.

11 (4) As used in this section, "forest products industry" includes, but is not limited to, businesses
12 that grow, manage, harvest, transport or process forest, wood and paper products.

13 **SECTION 41.** ORS 660.361 is amended to read:

14 660.361. The State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, in consultation with state
15 agencies, boards, commissions and private entities deemed appropriate by the State Workforce [*In-*
16 *vestment*] **Development** Board shall develop a list of defined terms related to green jobs and the
17 green economy that are consistent with current workforce development and economic development
18 terminology.

19 **SECTION 42.** ORS 660.364 is amended to read:

20 660.364. The Oregon Business Development Department, in consultation with the State
21 Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, shall:

22 (1) Develop criteria for existing investments and new or expanded financial incentives and
23 comprehensive strategies to recruit, retain and expand green economy industries, including but not
24 limited to forest products industries as defined in ORS 660.358, and small businesses.

25 (2) Make recommendations for new or expanded financial incentives and comprehensive strate-
26 gies to stimulate research and development of green technology and innovation.

27 **SECTION 43.** ORS 678.425 is amended to read:

28 678.425. The Oregon Center for Nursing and the Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute may
29 serve in advisory capacities to the State Workforce [*Investment*] **Development** Board, the Higher
30 Education Coordinating Commission and other related entities. The Oregon Center for Nursing may
31 advise on education and workforce development issues affecting nursing. The Oregon Healthcare
32 Workforce Institute may advise on education and workforce development issues affecting doctors,
33 dentists and other allied health professionals. The Oregon Center for Nursing and the Oregon
34 Healthcare Workforce Institute may work together to develop comprehensive solutions to the
35 healthcare workforce shortages in Oregon.

36 **SECTION 44.** (1) **The amendments to ORS 660.321 by section 27 of this 2017 Act are in-**
37 **tended to change the name of the "State Workforce Investment Board" to the "State**
38 **Workforce Development Board."**

39 (2) **For the purpose of harmonizing and clarifying statutory law, the Legislative Counsel**
40 **may substitute for words designating the "State Workforce Investment Board" wherever**
41 **they occur in statutory law, other words designating the "State Workforce Development**
42 **Board."**

43 **SECTION 45.** **This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
44 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
45 **on its passage.**

