

**SB 455 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Education**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires public universities and community colleges to require contractors to employ apprentices and to establish and execute outreach, recruitment, and retention plans for women and minorities for contracts involving real property improvements with an estimated cost of \$200,000 or greater. Requires public universities and community colleges with ongoing qualified contracts to report annually to the legislature, as specified. Applies to contracts that are advertised, solicited, or entered into on or after the effective date of act.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

-1 Increases threshold for qualified contracts from \$200,000 to \$8 million in estimated costs. Requires prospective contractor in a qualified contract to be a training agent under ORS 660.010. Removes provisions related to employing apprentices to perform specified work hours.

**BACKGROUND:**

Current law requires University of Oregon to employ apprentices for 15 percent of work hours and to enact plans to employ female and minority contractors under specific, qualified contracts. Senate Bill 455 expands qualified contracting requirements to all Oregon public universities and community colleges. The bill defines qualified contracts as contracts for real property improvements with a cost of \$200,000 or greater.