

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2310

Ordered by the House April 5
Including House Amendments dated April 5

Sponsored by Representative REARDON; Representative HELM (Pre-session filed.)

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.

Establishes Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job seekers residing in areas of concentrated poverty.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Human Services for biennium beginning July 1, 2019.

Sunset January 2, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a workforce development pilot program; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 660.300 to**
5 **660.364.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program is established to provide career**
7 **coaching, occupational training and job placement services for at least 1,000 low-income job**
8 **seekers who reside in areas of concentrated poverty.**

9 **(2) The goals of the pilot program are to:**

10 **(a) Include at least 1,000 total participants;**

11 **(b) Ensure that 100 percent of the participants are individuals who receive supplemental**
12 **nutrition assistance under ORS 411.806 to 411.845;**

13 **(c) Include a focus on serving parents who have exited the temporary assistance for**
14 **needy families program but, due to low-wage employment, remain in poverty that could be**
15 **remedied through training and placement into higher-wage employment;**

16 **(d) Ensure that individuals who are historically underserved are included;**

17 **(e) Ensure that at least 50 percent of the participants are women;**

18 **(f) Ensure that individuals who are in offender reentry programs are included;**

19 **(g) Ensure that at least 80 percent of the participants successfully complete the program;**

20 **(h) Ensure that at least 75 percent of the participants successfully obtain employment;**

21 **and**

22 **(i) Ensure that at least 75 percent of the participants who successfully obtain employ-**
23 **ment earn at least \$15 per hour.**

24 **(3) The pilot program shall be administered by local workforce development boards. The**
25 **boards shall:**

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 (a) Coordinate with nonprofit community-based organizations and educational insti-
2 tutions to provide career coaching, occupational training and job placement services to pilot
3 program participants;

4 (b) Distribute available funds to nonprofit community-based organizations and educa-
5 tional institutions that provide services to pilot program participants; and

6 (c) Identify and conduct outreach to target sector businesses and industry organizations
7 regarding participation in the pilot program.

8 (4)(a) As used in this subsection, the “SNAP Employment and Training Program” means
9 the employment and training component of the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance
10 Program under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4).

11 (b) The Department of Human Services shall:

12 (A) Incorporate the pilot program into the statewide plan for the SNAP Employment and
13 Training Program;

14 (B) Seek federal reimbursement of 50 percent of the pilot program’s costs to reinvest into
15 the pilot program; and

16 (C) Refer individuals who receive supplemental nutrition assistance under ORS 411.806
17 to 411.845 to participate in the pilot program.

18 (5)(a) The State Workforce and Talent Development Board and the department shall es-
19 tablish a joint steering committee to:

20 (A) Oversee the progress of the pilot program;

21 (B) Ensure that pilot program goals are met; and

22 (C) Coordinate necessary support services, including child care, for participants of the
23 pilot program.

24 (b) The board shall provide staff support for the steering committee.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Human Services shall compile information from each
26 local workforce development board on the progress each board is making in carrying out the
27 Prosperity 1,000 Pilot Program established under section 2 of this 2019 and submit an annual
28 report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to workforce develop-
29 ment no later than December 31 of each calendar year, in the manner provided in ORS
30 192.245.

31 **SECTION 4.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
32 ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of
33 the General Fund, the amount of \$5,000,000, for distribution to Worksystems, Inc., which
34 shall coordinate distribution of the moneys to the local workforce development boards, for
35 the purpose of implementing the pilot program established under section 2 of this 2019 Act.

36 **SECTION 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this 2019 Act are repealed on January 2, 2024.

37 **SECTION 6.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
38 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect
39 July 1, 2019.

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