

Senate Bill 945

Sponsored by Senator DEMBROW

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**.

Permits Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries, in consultation with Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services, to enter into written agreement, jointly or separately, with nonprofit organization to conduct outreach and education regarding rights and available remedies for labor contractors who engage in forestation and reforestation work.

Requires commissioner to adopt rules establishing minimum criteria that nonprofit must meet to be eligible for funding to conduct outreach.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to the bureau to carry out provisions of Act.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to outreach to certain labor contractors; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1)(a) The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, in consul-**
5 **tation with the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, may enter**
6 **into a written agreement, jointly or separately, with a nonprofit organization that meets the**
7 **criteria established by the bureau by rule, to provide funding for outreach and education to**
8 **labor contractors who engage in forestation or reforestation of lands in this state.**

9 **(b) The outreach and education shall provide information regarding the rights and pro-**
10 **tections available to labor contractors who engage in forestation or reforestation work, in-**
11 **cluding any available judicial or administrative remedies.**

12 **(2) A written agreement entered into under subsection (1) of this section must include a**
13 **provision that allows an employee to designate the nonprofit organization as the employee's**
14 **representative for purposes of filing a complaint with the Department of Consumer and**
15 **Business Services under ORS chapter 654 or with the commissioner, alleging an unlawful**
16 **practice under ORS chapters 658 or 659A.**

17 **(3) The commissioner shall adopt rules establishing the minimum criteria that a**
18 **nonprofit organization must meet before being eligible for funding under subsection (1) of**
19 **this section.**

20 **(4) As used in this section "labor contractor" has the meaning given that term in ORS**
21 **658.405.**

22 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
23 **ated to the Bureau of Labor and Industries, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of**
24 **the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, which may be expended for carrying out the**
25 **purposes described in section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

26 **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**
28 **on its passage.**

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.

