

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 31: Employment Department Rogue Workforce Partnership

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$5,172,629 in the Federal Funds expenditure limitation and authorizing the establishment of seven limited duration full-time positions (5.60 FTE) for the Employment Department in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session to provide training services to adult and dislocated workers under a contract with the Rogue Workforce Partnership.

The Partnership is the regional Workforce Development Board serving Jackson and Josephine counties and contracts with the Employment Department to provide employment and training services for adults and dislocated workers. The Partnership is increasing its contract by \$5.2 million due to the availability of more federal funding; three federal grant sources address community training needs due to wildfires, the COVID-19 pandemic and training for specific industries. Seven limited duration positions are also recommended, which will be located at the Medford or Grants Pass WorkSource centers, but most of the funding will pay for training and support services.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.