

Requested by SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 623**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 3 through 17 and delete pages
2 2 through 6 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is added to and made a part**
4 **of ORS 660.300 to 660.364.**

5 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Workforce and Talent Development**
6 **Board shall, in consultation with state workforce agencies and local**
7 **workforce development boards, establish the Committee for Contin-**
8 **uous Improvement to assess the effectiveness of the public workforce**
9 **development system in this state. The State Workforce and Talent**
10 **Development Board and local workforce development boards shall**
11 **jointly appoint members to the committee.**

12 **“(2) Beginning on January 1, 2022, and each even-numbered year**
13 **thereafter, the committee shall identify and contract with an inde-**
14 **pendent third-party entity to conduct an assessment of the public**
15 **workforce system in this state and to make recommendations for im-**
16 **provements.**

17 **“(3) The third-party assessment shall include a review of the**
18 **workforce programs and services administered by the following enti-**
19 **ties through the public workforce system:**

20 **“(a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission;**

21 **“(b) Local workforce development boards;**

1 “(c) The Employment Department;

2 “(d) The Commission for the Blind;

3 “(e) The Department of Human Services;

4 “(f) The Housing and Community Services Department; and

5 “(g) Any other entities deemed appropriate by the committee.

6 “(4) The assessment shall be conducted with a focus on:

7 “(a) Advancing racial justice, equity, diversity and inclusion
8 through the programs and services delivered through the public
9 workforce system;

10 “(b) Aligning state and local efforts to improve the public workforce
11 system in this state;

12 “(c) Supporting improvements that create a more comprehensive
13 public workforce system;

14 “(d) Providing quality employment experiences and equitable out-
15 comes for job seekers and businesses participating in workforce pro-
16 grams;

17 “(e) Improving the quality of workforce resources, programs and
18 services made available through the public workforce system and the
19 transparency of information regarding performance metrics and out-
20 comes related to those resources, programs and services; and

21 “(f) Building on any current workforce program assessments that
22 are required by law.

23 “(5) The committee shall present the results of the assessment,
24 along with any recommendations for improvements, in a report to the
25 to the Governor and to the interim committees of the Legislative As-
26 sembly related to workforce development, in the manner provided un-
27 der ORS 192.245, on or before December 15 of each even-numbered
28 year.

29 “SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
30 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is

1 **declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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