

Requested by Senator SMITH DB

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1143**

1 On page 2 of the printed bill, after line 35, insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘Covered project’ means:**

4 **“(A) A project that facilitates the construction, repair or mainte-**
5 **nance of the development of a thermal energy network; or**

6 **“(B) A thermal energy network pilot project.**

7 **“(b) ‘Journeyworker’ means a journeyworker, as defined in ORS**
8 **660.010, who has completed an apprenticeship program registered with**
9 **the State Apprenticeship and Training Council of the Bureau of Labor**
10 **and Industries.**

11 **“(c) ‘Natural gas company’ means a public utility, as defined in**
12 **ORS 757.005, that provides natural gas services to customers.**

13 **“(d) ‘Thermal energy network’ means a network of pipes and heat**
14 **pumps that uses noncombustible fluids within the network to distrib-**
15 **ute thermal energy between and among ground, air and surface water**
16 **sources and buildings connected to the network.**

17 **“(e) ‘Thermal energy network pilot project’ means a thermal energy**
18 **network pilot project developed under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

19 **“(2) A natural gas company that operates a covered project shall**
20 **require each contractor with which the natural gas company has en-**
21 **tered into a contract for the performance of work on the covered**

1 project to:

2 “(a) Set an aspirational goal that journeyworkers comprise a per-
3 centage of the total workforce employed to perform work on the cov-
4 ered project, as follows:

5 “(A) For a covered project initiated during the period beginning
6 January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, at least 30 percent.

7 “(B) For a covered project initiated during the period beginning
8 January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027, at least 45 percent.

9 “(C) For a covered project initiated on or after January 1, 2028, at
10 least 60 percent.

11 “(b) Ensure that all journeyworkers have completed at least 30
12 hours of occupational safety and health training before commencing
13 work on the covered project and complete at least 30 hours of training
14 every two years thereafter for the duration of the project.

15 “(c) Document and submit quarterly reports to the natural gas
16 company that demonstrate proof of compliance with the requirements
17 described in this subsection and progress, if any, made toward the
18 aspirational goal set in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

19 “(3)(a) A natural gas company shall keep and maintain records
20 necessary to demonstrate compliance with the requirements in this
21 section by the gas company and each contractor. A natural gas com-
22 pany must provide records kept and maintained under this section to
23 the bureau upon request.

24 “(b) A natural gas company shall compile any proof of compliance
25 submitted by contractors under this section with respect to the work
26 performed on a covered project during each calendar year and submit
27 an annual report to the bureau no later than February 1 of the fol-
28 lowing year.

29 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on Jan-
30 uary 1, 2026.**

1 **“SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2025 Act applies to contracts for the**
2 **performance of work on a covered project entered into, renewed or**
3 **extended on or after January 1, 2026.”.**

4 In line 36, delete “2” and insert “5”.

5 In line 37, delete “3” and insert “6”.

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