

Senate Bill 598

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE

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**.

Establishes Task Force on 21st Century Apprenticeship with 14 members appointed by President of Senate, Speaker of House of Representatives and Governor. Requires task force to evaluate and make recommendations concerning methods for improving various aspects of apprenticeship in this state.

Sunset December 31, 2016.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to methods for improving apprenticeship; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on 21st Century Apprenticeship is established, consisting**
5 **of 14 members appointed as follows:**

6 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint two members from among members of the**
7 **Senate, ensuring that the appointment includes one member from each caucus, and shall**
8 **designate one of the members as a co-chair of the task force.**

9 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members from among**
10 **members of the House of Representatives, ensuring that the appointment includes one**
11 **member from each caucus, and shall designate one of the members as a co-chair of the task**
12 **force.**

13 (c) **The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by**
14 **mutual agreement, shall appoint eight members as follows:**

15 (A) **One member that represents a general contractor that has performed public con-**
16 **tracts for a public agency in this state and that has a collective bargaining agreement with**
17 **the contractor's employees;**

18 (B) **One member that represents a general contractor that has performed public con-**
19 **tracts for a public agency in this state and that does not have a collective bargaining**
20 **agreement with the contractor's employees;**

21 (C) **One member that represents a subcontractor that has performed work for a con-**
22 **tractor under a public contract in this state and that has a collective bargaining agreement**
23 **with the subcontractor's employees;**

24 (D) **One member that represents a subcontractor that has performed work for a con-**
25 **tractor under a public contract in this state and that does not have a collective bargaining**
26 **agreement with the subcontractor's employees; and**

27 (E) **Four members who are representatives of labor organizations or other represen-**
28 **tatives of persons who are engaged in apprenticeable occupations.**

29 (d) **The Governor shall appoint two members as follows:**

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) One member who is an employee of a state contracting agency; and

2 (B) One member who is an employee of a local contracting agency.

3 (2) The task force shall study, evaluate and make recommendations concerning methods
4 to:

5 (a) Improve pathways from career and technical education to apprenticeship;

6 (b) Help to create and maintain preapprenticeship programs for underrepresented and
7 nontraditional populations;

8 (c) Improve relationships between community colleges and union apprenticeship pro-
9 grams;

10 (d) Overcome regional barriers and other barriers to completing apprenticeship pro-
11 grams;

12 (e) Extend an apprenticeship model to additional industries, such as manufacturing and
13 health care; and

14 (f) Involve the state in expanding and encouraging apprenticeship.

15 (3) The task force may consult with experts, hear testimony from affected persons and
16 otherwise collect data and information necessary to carry out the task force's purposes.

17 (4) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for transacting
18 business.

19 (5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members
20 of the task force.

21 (6)(a) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an ap-
22 pointment to become immediately effective.

23 (b) The co-chairs of the task force may expand the task force's membership if the co-
24 chairs deem an expansion necessary.

25 (7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the co-chairs
26 or of a majority of the members of the task force.

27 (8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.

28 (9) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may
29 include recommendations for legislation, to an interim committee of the Legislative Assem-
30 bly related to workforce development or public contracting as appropriate no later than De-
31 cember 30, 2016.

32 (10) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislative Assembly are not
33 entitled to compensation or reimbursement for expenses the members incur in performing
34 the members' official duties. Members of the task force who are members of the Legislative
35 Assembly shall receive compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 171.072.

36 (11) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
37 the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
38 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force
39 consider necessary to perform their duties.

40 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on December 31, 2016.

41 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
42 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
43 on its passage.