Public Comment: This is your opportunity to review the agency’s revised Supported Employment policy and testify at a public hearing or submit written comments.

Vocational Rehabilitation seeks input on the proposed, revised Supported Employment Policy. All input will be reviewed and, where appropriate, the policy will be modified or refined. The comment period begins Monday, March 16, 2015 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. The proposed policy will be posted to our website [http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/vr/](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/vr/) on Tuesday, March 17, 2015.

**Purpose/Rationale:** Vocational Rehabilitation has updated the Supported Employment Policy to comply with requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), enacted July 22, 2014 (WIOA Bill Public Law No. 113-128). The amended policies match definitions and requirements in the Rehabilitation Act, as amended, to help job seekers succeed in the labor market and to match employers with the skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy.

**How you can provide testimony:**
- **Email:** Email your comments to: [VR.Policy@state.or.us](mailto:VR.Policy@state.or.us)
- **Mail:** Send written testimony to:
  Department of Human Service, Vocational Rehabilitation
  Ann Balzell, I/DD Policy Analyst
  500 Summer Street NE, E-87, Salem, Oregon 97310-1018
- **In person:** Attend a public hearing. See below. Vocational Rehabilitation recommends you also submit a written copy of your oral testimony.
- **By phone:** During a hearing, dial 1-888-363-4735; then code 259412

**The public hearing schedule is as follows:**
- **Pendleton:** 3/19/2015
  Court House – Room 114
  216 SE Fourth
  Pendleton, Oregon
- **Roseburg:** 3/25/2015
  Court House -- Room 311
  1036 SE Douglas
  Roseburg, Oregon
- **Portland:** 3/23/2015
  Portland State Office Building – 1C
  800 NE Oregon Street
  Portland, Oregon
- **Salem:** 3/27/2015
  Human Service Building – 137B
  500 Summer Street
  Salem, Oregon

**Auxiliary aids and accommodation:** ASL Sign Language Interpreters and other auxiliary aids or accommodations are available upon **72 hours advance request** by contacting VR at (503) 945-5880 or toll-free (877) 277-0513 (TTY users use 711 or other relay service).