



**Date:** July 2, 2014

**General questions:** Mark Masthoff, 503-945-6253

## **Public comments being taken on proposed Supported Employment Policy**

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Public comments will be taken until 5 p.m. on July 11, 2014 on a proposed Supported Employment Policy for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. Comments can be presented during a series of public hearings or in writing. The proposed policy can be viewed online at <http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/vr>.

The policy is being updated to align with the Governor's Executive Order 13-04 and the Oregon Department of Human Services' Employment First Policy. The Executive Order and Employment First Policy seek to increase integrated employment of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

There are three options for submitting comments:

- By attending one of the public hearings held around the state to provide testimony. It is recommended that you bring a written copy of your oral testimony to the public hearing. The public hearing schedule is listed below.
- By sending an e-mail to [vr.info@state.or.us](mailto:vr.info@state.or.us)
- By sending your comments by U.S. Mail to:

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The public hearing schedule is as follows:

**July 7, 2014**

Medford

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

JCLS Medford Library

Adams Room

205 South Central Avenue

Medford, OR 97501

**July 7, 2014**

Bend

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Vocational Rehabilitation Office

1230 NE 3rd St., Suite A-152

OSHA Room

Bend, OR 97701

**July 7, 2014**

La Grande

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Department of Human Services

Mt. Emily Room

1607 Gekeler Lane

La Grande, OR 97850

**July 9, 2014**

Salem

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Barbara Roberts Human Services

Building

Rooms 137 B and C

500 Summer Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

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