

Docket Item:

11.1 Adult attainment goal-setting update.

Summary:

Following the passage of House Bill 2311, which directed the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Workforce and Talent Development Board to establish a statewide educational attainment goal for adult Oregonians, the HECC and WTDB convened the Adult Attainment Workgroup.

On June 13, 2018, the Adult Attainment Workgroup held its third meeting, where members debriefed the Oregon Talent Summit, discussed the value of establishing an adult attainment goal, and made key decisions regarding Oregon's adult attainment goal. Specifically, the workgroup agreed to the following:

Goal Statement

By year Y, X adult Oregonians, Z of whom are from underrepresented groups, will earn a new postsecondary credential of value.

- The "X" and "Y" and "Z" values will be filled in based on ECONorthwest's data analysis for the Talent Assessment and additional HECC analysis.
- The data used to track progress on meeting this goal will be disaggregated by:
 - Race/ethnicity
 - Geographic region
 - Age
 - Credential Type

Age

The goal will apply to Oregonians age 25 - 64 years old.

Credentials of Value

The criteria for credentials of value include:

- Adds value for /employees
- Adds value for employers
- Leads to a family-wage job
- Has clear and measurable learning outcomes or training objectives
- Is transferable

Credentials of value will include:

- Certificates and degrees awarded by accredited post-secondary institutions (community colleges, colleges, universities)
- Registered apprenticeships
- On-the-job training approved by workforce boards

Credentials of value may also include:

- Non-registered apprenticeships
- Internships
- On-the-job training (not approved by workforce boards)
- Short-term training (e.g., coding boot camps)
- Badges and microcredentials
- Employer-sponsored certificates
- Military credit

HECC staff recently received a draft of the Talent Assessment from ECONorthwest. To complete the development of Oregon's adult attainment goal, HECC staff will use this draft to fill in the "X" and "Y" values, as noted above, and to clarify what counts as a credential of value. We expect to have a draft goal for the Commission's review at the October Commission meeting.

Docket Material:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

Information only.