
Docket Item: 9.1 - Workforce and Talent Development Plan 2023 Annual Report (ORS 660.324)

Summary:

Oregon's Revised Statute (ORS) 660.324 requires that the Oregon Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) convene, engage, and coordinate with leaders in business, relevant state agencies and organizations, and local workforce development and community-based organizations to "create a single, unified state Workforce and Talent Development (WTD) Plan" every two years. The WTD Plan is also the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan for Oregon produced every four years and updated at each two-year midpoint. ORS 660.324 also requires the WTDB to submit an annual report about the WTD plan to the Governor and legislature.

Oregon's WIOA Combined State Plan or WTD Plan reflects the work of multiple agencies and organizations. Each of these entities have their own missions, visions, and values and these are woven together on behalf of the broader workforce development system to realize the WTDB's vision of equitable prosperity for all Oregonians. The current WIOA Combined State Plan is near expiration and will be replaced in June 2024.

Significant successful progress has occurred to implement the current WTD Plan including:

- The Continuous Improvement Committee Governance Assessment;
- Future Ready Oregon's investments focused on advancing opportunities for historically underserved communities and supporting the education and training needs of Oregonians including workforce readiness, post-secondary career pathway training, credit for prior learning, youth workforce development, workforce benefits navigators, and apprenticeship expansion; and
- Reopening of WSO Centers throughout the state while keeping and expanding the best of virtual service delivery.

The development of a new 2024 WTD Plan is underway, including the Joint Priority Setting effort to gather input from all partners to the WTD Plan to ultimately agree to 3-5 priorities that can be shared across the entire workforce system for the upcoming 2-3 years. These priorities will be broadly shared and included is the 2024 WTD Plan Annual Report.

Docket Material:

See docket material titled “9.1a - Workforce and Talent Development Plan 2023 Annual Report (ORS 660.324).”

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the report as drafted for submission to the Governor and Legislative Assembly by June 30, 2023.

Recommended Motion:

Move to approve report titled Workforce and Talent Development Plan 2023 Annual Report (ORS 660.324) as drafted by staff to be submitted to the Governor and Legislative Assembly by June 30, 2023.