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SUMMARY

Increases maximum number of weeks for which unemployed individual participating in apprenticeship program may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. Makes additional nonsubstantive form and style changes to statutory language.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to an increase in the maximum number of weeks for which an un-
3 employed individual participating in an apprenticeship program may be
4 eligible for unemployment insurance benefits; creating new provisions;
5 amending ORS 657.357; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** ORS 657.357 is amended to read:

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8 657.357. Notwithstanding [*the requirements or restrictions of*] ORS 657.335
9 to 657.360 or the provisions of this chapter relating to availability for work,
10 actively seeking work or refusal to accept suitable work, an unemployed in-
11 dividual participating in an apprenticeship program who is otherwise eligible
12 for unemployment insurance benefits:

13 (1) **Is** [*Shall*] not [*be*] ineligible for [*such*] **the** benefits or waiting week
14 credit solely by reason of attending a program of related instruction estab-
15 lished in accordance with ORS 660.157 [*when such*] **if the individual's** at-
16 tendance:

17 (a) Does not exceed [*five*] **10** weeks during the benefit year of the indi-
18 vidual; and [*when such attendance*]

19 (b) Is required as a condition of the individual's continued employment;

1 and

2 (2) Shall be considered to be in a program of instruction with the ap-
3 proval of the Director of the Employment Department if the individual:

4 [(1)] (a) Provides the director with a copy of [that] **the** individual's ef-
5 fective apprenticeship agreement approved in accordance with the require-
6 ments of ORS 660.002 to 660.210; and

7 [(2)] (b) Establishes to the satisfaction of the director that the training
8 is scheduled by a work-related entity [*other than the claimant*] **and not by**
9 **the individual claiming the benefits.**

10 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 657.357 by section 1 of this**
11 **2016 Act apply to weeks, as defined in ORS 657.010, that begin on or**
12 **after the effective date of this 2016 Act.**

13 **SECTION 3. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
14 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
15 **clared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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