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### **Senate Democrats Move Future Ready Oregon**

*Senate Bill 1545 will focus investments on building career pathways, good paying jobs*

SALEM – Today, the Senate Committee on Labor and Business voted unanimously to move Senate Bill 1545 out of Committee, clearing its first legislative hurdle. This bill will focus targeted investments on building career pathways in targeted sectors, including health care, manufacturing and construction.

“We need to build an economy that works for working families and Oregon businesses,” said Senator Kathleen Taylor (D-Portland), Chair of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business. “That means investing in skills training and reducing barriers to people working to build their careers. Senate Bill 1545 will achieve that goal by expanding opportunities for hardworking Oregonians.”

“The pandemic created unprecedented challenges for many of our frontline workers, including health care workers,” said Senator Deb Patterson (D-Salem), Chair of the Senate Committee on Health Care. “Staffing shortages in health care settings affect quality of care and the ability of health care workers to do their jobs. Senate Bill 1545 will help Oregonians build their careers in health care, improving patient outcomes and the economic wellbeing of their families.”

Senate Bill 1545 creates and expands on various grant and advisory programs to provide increased access for priority populations to workforce programs and training opportunities in health care, manufacturing and construction.

Senate Bill 1545 now goes to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration.

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