HOUSE BILL REPORT SB 6380

As Reported By House Committee On: Higher Education

Title: An act relating to technical and career training and education.

Brief Description: Eliminating the requirement that degree-granting private vocational schools participate in the tuition recovery trust fund.

Sponsors: Senators Bauer and Wood.

Brief History: Committee Activity: Higher Education: 2/15/96, 2/16/96 [DP].

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Carlson, Chairman; Mulliken, Vice Chairman; Jacobsen, Ranking Minority Member; Mason, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Basich; Blanton; Delvin; Goldsmith; Scheuerman and Sheahan.

Staff: Marilee Scarbrough (786-7196).

Background: The tuition recovery trust fund account for degree-granting private vocational schools was created by the Legislature in 1994. The account is administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The account was created to provide funds for the settlement of claims related to school closures and claims. The legislation provides that each degree-granting private vocational school will make deposits to the account. The Higher Education Coordinating Board determines the operating balance and the amount of liability that can be satisfied for each degree-granting private vocational school.

Summary of Bill: The statutes (RCW 28B.85.200 and 28B.85.210) creating the trust account for degree granting private vocational schools are repealed.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Our agencies support this bill.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Susan Patrick, Higher Education Coordinating Board; and Linda Broderick, Washington Federation of Private Career Schools and Colleges.