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**SENATE BILL 5227**

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**State of Washington                      54th Legislature                      1995 Regular Session**

**By Senators Owen and Prince; by request of Department of Transportation**

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1            AN ACT Relating to state highway contracting; and adding a new  
2 chapter to Title 47 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The purpose and intent of this chapter is to  
5 provide the maximum practical opportunity for employment, training, and  
6 diversity on state highway construction projects by establishing  
7 training requirements. By investing in and using registered  
8 apprentices on state highway construction projects, the legislature  
9 finds that the state can take a leadership role in creating new jobs to  
10 stimulate the state's economy, providing training to increase the  
11 skilled labor force across the state, and increasing diversity in the  
12 state's construction industry. It is also a primary objective of this  
13 chapter to train and upgrade minority and women workers toward journey  
14 level status, and to encourage their increased participation in the  
15 construction industry.

16            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** The department shall establish training  
17 requirements on construction projects improving state-owned highway  
18 infrastructures that are funded with state tax revenues. The

1 department shall use state-approved apprenticeship programs, as  
2 established by chapter 49.04 RCW, and presently operated by contractor  
3 associations, labor unions, and other organizations. The department  
4 shall adopt rules to establish and administer the training  
5 requirements.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If any provision of this act or its  
7 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
8 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
9 persons or circumstances is not affected. If any part of this act is  
10 found to be in conflict with federal requirements which are a  
11 prescribed condition to the allocation of federal funds to the state,  
12 the conflicting part of this act is hereby declared to be inoperative  
13 solely to the extent of the conflict, and such finding or determination  
14 shall not affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its  
15 application to the department. Contract specifications adopted by the  
16 department in compliance with this act must meet federal requirements  
17 that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal funds by the  
18 state.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute  
20 a new chapter in Title 47 RCW.

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