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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Huff, Clements, Carlson, Alexander, Mastin, McMorris, Buck, Mitchell, O'Brien, Backlund, D. Sommers, L. Thomas, Cooke and Dyer)

Brief Title: Continuing the work force employment and training program.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Intends to focus the work force training system, and the community and technical college system in particular, on developing and maintaining a training system for unemployed workers that meets the labor market demand in Washington for well-trained workers.

Declares that any money appropriated by the legislature to the state board for community and technical colleges for the purposes of retraining unemployed workers may be allotted and expended only for: (1) Training programs approved by the job retraining advisory committee under the work force training and education coordinating board using a request for proposal process;

(2) financial assistance for individuals who are unemployed workers, are in training under an approved training plan, and will exhaust unemployment benefits before their training under the training plan is completed; and

(3) tuition grants to students enrolling in a private technical school licensed under RCW 28C.10.060 or chapter 18.16 RCW, or authorized under chapter 28B.85 RCW.

Directs the state board for community and technical colleges to report to the work force training and education coordinating board and appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1998, and every even-numbered year thereafter, on the progress and results of the training and financial assistance provided to eligible participants.

Repeals RCW 43.131.377, 50.16.094, and 50.12.261.