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HOUSE BILL 1161

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State of Washington                      56th Legislature                      1999 Regular Session

By Representatives Radcliff, Cooper and Santos

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1            AN ACT Relating to apprenticeship training; and creating new  
2 sections.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that there is an  
5 increasing need and demand for apprenticeship training resulting from  
6 both major construction projects and the implementation of the  
7 Washington state WorkFirst program to reform welfare. Major public and  
8 private construction projects are already planned or anticipated during  
9 the next decade in the areas of transportation, schools, colleges,  
10 universities, stadiums, hotels, and other tourist facilities. The  
11 combined effect of the increasing demand for skilled construction trade  
12 workers and the growing desire on the part of welfare recipients to  
13 obtain the necessary skills to move to good paying jobs is straining  
14 the state's current apprenticeship programs. The legislature therefore  
15 finds that a comprehensive analysis is needed of the projected demand  
16 for apprenticeship training and the most effective ways to meet that  
17 demand and that the cost of conducting such an analysis would be less  
18 than fifty thousand dollars.

1           (2) The office of program research in the house of representatives  
2 shall be responsible for selecting and monitoring a study contractor.  
3 The study shall be completed by December 1, 1999, and shall report on:  
4           (a) The number of students currently enrolled in apprenticeship  
5 training programs, by program and institution;  
6           (b) The institutions or organizations delivering apprenticeship  
7 training;  
8           (c) The facilities used to deliver apprenticeship training;  
9           (d) How apprenticeship training is coordinated and monitored;  
10          (e) Current funding levels and allocation procedures;  
11          (f) Linkages between apprenticeship training programs and other  
12 state programs including the WorkFirst welfare reform program and  
13 correctional institutions' training programs;  
14          (g) A review and analysis of current literature regarding the  
15 delivery and funding of apprenticeship training;  
16          (h) An identification of other states that have apprenticeship  
17 training needs similar to those of Washington state and those states  
18 identified through the literature review to be considered leaders in  
19 the provision of apprenticeship training;  
20          (i) An exploration of public and private capital funding for  
21 apprenticeship training facilities; and  
22          (j) Recommendations regarding the delivery of apprenticeship  
23 training in Washington state.

24           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this  
25 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by  
26 June 30, 1999, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and  
27 void.

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