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ATTY/TYPIST: SCG:mos

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 SSCR 8404 - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Higher Education

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5 On page 1, beginning on line 1, strike the remainder of the  
6 resolution and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, Chapter 238, Laws of 1991 created the work force training  
8 and education coordinating board to provide planning, coordination,  
9 evaluation, monitoring, and policy analysis for the state training  
10 system as a whole, and advice to the governor and legislature  
11 concerning the training system, in cooperation with the agencies that  
12 comprise the state training system and the higher education  
13 coordinating board; and

14 WHEREAS, Section 2, Chapter 130, Laws of 1995 requires the board to  
15 update the state comprehensive plan for work force training and  
16 education every two years and requires the legislature, following  
17 public hearings, to approve or make changes to the updates; and

18 WHEREAS, The work force training and education coordinating board  
19 was directed to prepare a state unified plan as described under the  
20 workforce investment act of 1998 (P.L.105-220) that encompasses the  
21 comprehensive plan described in Chapter 238, Laws of 1991; and

22 WHEREAS, The provisions of the comprehensive plan and its updates  
23 that are approved by the legislature become the state's work force  
24 training policy unless legislation is enacted to alter the policies set  
25 forth therein; and

26 WHEREAS, The state faces the work force challenges of: (1) Closing  
27 the gap between the need of employers for skilled workers and the  
28 supply of Washington residents prepared to meet that need; (2) enabling  
29 workers to make smooth transitions so they may fully benefit from the  
30 new, changing economy as well as seamless access to lifelong learning  
31 at all levels of education; and (3) assisting disadvantaged youth,  
32 persons with disabilities, new labor market entrants, recent  
33 immigrants, and low-wage workers in moving up the job ladder during  
34 their lifetimes by developing a wage progression strategy for low-  
35 income workers; and

1       WHEREAS, The 2000 unified plan adopted by the work force training  
2 and education coordinating board includes the update to the state  
3 comprehensive plan required under Chapter 238, Laws of 1991; and

4       WHEREAS, The state comprehensive plan includes: (1) Assessments of  
5 our state's employment opportunities and skills needs, the present and  
6 future work force, and the current work force development system; (2)  
7 goals and strategies for meeting the work force challenges; and (3) a  
8 description of the performance management system for work force  
9 development;

10       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby  
11 encourages the members of the work force training and education  
12 coordinating board to continue working together with business, labor,  
13 local work force development councils, and state operating agencies to  
14 produce a comprehensive plan for work force training and education and  
15 commends the board for its work in this regard; and

16       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby adopts the  
17 following goals in the 2000 update to the state comprehensive plan:  
18 (1) To close the gap between the need of the employers for skilled  
19 workers and the supply of Washington residents prepared to meet that  
20 need; (2) to enable workers to make smooth transitions so that they,  
21 and their employers, may fully benefit from the new, changing economy,  
22 by putting in place a coherent strategy for dislocated and incumbent  
23 worker training as well as seamless access to higher education so  
24 students can move up the career ladder over their lifetimes; (3) to  
25 assist disadvantaged youth, persons with disabilities, new labor market  
26 entrants, recent immigrants, and low-wage workers in moving up the job  
27 ladder during their lifetimes by developing a wage, education, and  
28 training progression strategy for low-income workers; and (4) to make  
29 the vision of worksource a reality so that work force development  
30 programs are customer friendly, broadly accessible, and fully committed  
31 to continuous quality improvement; and

32       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature hereby endorses the  
33 specific objectives and strategies for partners in the work force  
34 development system to meet the goals."

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