
SENATE BILL 5863

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By Senators Jayapal, Rivers, Keiser, Miloscia, Conway, Angel, Lias, Pedersen, Hobbs, Kohl-Welles, and Hasegawa

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1 AN ACT Relating to highway construction workforce development;
2 and amending RCW 47.01.435.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 47.01.435 and 2012 c 66 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The department shall expend federal funds received by the
7 department, and funds that may be available to the department, under
8 23 U.S.C. Sec. 140(b) to increase diversity in the highway
9 construction workforce and prepare individuals interested in entering
10 the highway construction workforce by conducting activities in
11 subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

12 (2) The requirements contained in subsection (1) of this section
13 do not apply to or reduce the federal funds that would be otherwise
14 allocated to local government agencies.

15 (3) The department shall, ~~((to the greatest extent practicable,))~~
16 in coordination with the ~~((apprenticeship and training council~~
17 ~~described in chapter 49.04 RCW))~~ department of labor and industries,
18 expend moneys for apprenticeship preparation and support services,
19 including providing grants to local Indian tribes, churches,
20 nonprofits, and other organizations. The department shall, to the
21 greatest extent practicable, expend moneys from ((either)) sources

1 other than those specified in subsection (1) of this section for the
2 activities in this subsection and subsections (4) and (5) of this
3 section.

4 (4) The department shall coordinate with the (~~apprenticeship and~~
5 ~~training council~~) department of labor and industries to provide any
6 portion of the following services:

7 (a) Preapprenticeship programs approved by the apprenticeship and
8 training council;

9 (b) Preemployment counseling;

10 (c) Orientations on the highway construction industry, including
11 outreach to women, minorities, and other disadvantaged individuals;

12 (d) Basic skills improvement classes;

13 (e) Career counseling;

14 (f) Remedial training;

15 (g) Entry requirements for training programs;

16 (h) Supportive services and assistance with transportation;

17 (i) Child care and special needs;

18 (j) Job site mentoring and retention services; (~~and~~)

19 (k) Assistance with tools, protective clothing, and other related
20 support for employment costs; and

21 (l) The recruitment of women and persons of color to participate
22 in the apprenticeship program at the department.

23 (5) The department shall hire and maintain at least one full-time
24 equivalent employee position with the role of:

25 (a) Coordinating department activities as specified in subsection
26 (4) of this section; and

27 (b) Actively engaging with communities with populations that are
28 underrepresented in current transportation apprenticeship programs.

29 (6) The department, in coordination with the (~~apprenticeship and~~
30 ~~training council~~) department of labor and industries, shall submit a
31 report to the transportation committees of the legislature by
32 December 1st of each year beginning in 2012. The report must contain:

33 (a) An analysis of the results of the activities in subsections
34 (4) and (5) of this section;

35 (b) The amount available to the department from federal funds for
36 the activities in subsections (4) and (5) of this section and the
37 amount expended for those activities; and

1 (c) The performance outcomes achieved from each activity,
2 including the number of persons receiving services, training, and
3 employment.

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