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1 TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, THE DIRECTOR OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
3 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
4 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH
5 SERVICES, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON
6 DISABILITY ISSUES AND EMPLOYMENT, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
7 INSTRUCTION, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WORK FORCE TRAINING AND
8 EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD:

9 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
10 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
11 represent and petition as follows:

12 WHEREAS, The state has a strong interest in meeting the needs of
13 businesses for skilled workers; and

14 WHEREAS, The largest potential source of such workers within the
15 state is the disability community, with a current unemployment rate of
16 nearly seventy percent; and

17 WHEREAS, The state has a strong interest in enhancing opportunities
18 for disabled persons; and

19 WHEREAS, Disabled persons are a priority population under the
20 federal Workforce Investment Act; and

1 WHEREAS, The state should encourage fair and equal employment and
2 training opportunities for disabled persons;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists request that your offices work
4 together to:

5 (1) Identify effective employment and training services in the
6 state's work source and education systems for people with disabilities;

7 (2) Identify barriers to the delivery of effective services to
8 people with disabilities;

9 (3) Identify benchmarks and performance measures to be used in
10 determining success in the provision of employment and training
11 services for people with disabilities;

12 (4) Provide training and technical assistance to local work force
13 boards and their training and employment services partners to improve
14 their outreach and delivery of services to people with disabilities;

15 (5) Make recommendations to the legislature and the governor
16 regarding any statutory or administrative changes necessary to improve
17 the delivery of employment and training services to people with
18 disabilities; and

19 (6) Report to the legislature and the governor annually on the
20 outcomes of the efforts undertaken to improve the delivery of
21 employment and training services to people with disabilities. This may
22 be accomplished by your offices providing the necessary information to
23 the Executive Director of the Developmental Disabilities Council and
24 the Executive Secretary of the Governor's Committee on Disability
25 Issues and Employment, and by their compiling a report from the
26 information and forwarding it to the legislature and the governor.

27 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
28 transmitted to the Commissioner of Employment Security, the Director of
29 the Department of Services for the Blind, the Executive Director of the
30 Developmental Disabilities Council, the Director of the Division of
31 Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Social and Health
32 Services, the Executive Secretary of the Governor's Committee on
33 Disability Issues and Employment, the Superintendent of Public
34 Instruction, and the Executive Director of the Work Force Training and
35 Education Coordinating Board.

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